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2011 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2012
Ellen Lachance	5/2012

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Eric Bright	5/2011
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2012
Monika Schrauder	5/2013

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

Donald L. Minney	5/2012
Kyle Vincent	5/2012
Simon James	5/2013
William R. Barnett	5/2013

Board of Assessors

William J. Huber	5/2012
Samuel J. Joyal	5/2013
Thomas A. Barry	5/2014

Board of Health

Roger M. Bonsall	5/2012
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2013
Gary R. Racicot	5/2013
Sean J. Cleary	5/2014
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2014

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2011
F. Knowlton Utley	5/2013
Sally M. Dodge	5/2014
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2015
Martina D. Robinson *(elected 5/2011)*	5/2016
Vacant (State Member)	

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2011
Frances J. South *(Elected 5/2011)*	5/2014

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2012
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2015

Planning Board

Daniel R. Beaudette *(resigned 4/12/2011)*	5/2011
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2012
Louis Faassen	5/2013
James J. Natle	5/2014
George R. Synan	5/2015
Mark H. Andrews *(elected 5/2011)*	5/2016

School Committee

Paul G. Anziano	5/2012
Clare Popowich	5/2012
Beverly Phaneuf	5/2013
Eric L. Weiss	5/2014
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2014

Board of Selectmen

James A. Barry	5/2011
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2012
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2012
George D. Archible	5/2013
William R. Barnett	5/2013
Brenda Q. Aldrich *(elected 5/2011)*	5/2014

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2012

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2011 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance *(appt 7/26/2010)*	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Daniel Beaudette – Assoc. Mbr. *(resigned 4/11/11)*	6/30/11
Susan Gay – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
Daniel Beaudette – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
John White – Assoc Mbr *(appt 11/14/2011)*	6/30/12
Matthew J. Kotowski-Assoc Mbr	6/30/12
Alan Page	6/30/12
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/13
Hope Guardenier	6/30/13
Grace Adzima	6/30/14
Will Shattuck	6/30/14

Animal Control Advisory Board

Sonya Hawkins *(resigned 3/11/11)*	6/30/11
Joan D'Ambrosia	6/30/12
Irene Spring	6/30/12
Nicole A. Miner *(appt 2/8/11)*	6/30/13
Carol Mae Wagner *(appt 4/11/11)*	6/30/13
John Wellman	6/30/14
Audrey Safford *(appt 4/11/11)*	6/30/14
Brian Breveleri	6/30/14

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/12

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Katherine Thibedeau *(resigned 5/27/11)*	4/30/11
Angela Gaj *(appt 6/13/2011); (resigned 11/14/11)*	4/30/12
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/12

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/12

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/12

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee

Kyle Vincent – At Large Mbr *(resigned 7/11/2011)*	6/30/13
Megan Manitsas - Recreation Commission	6/30/11
Debbie Whitney - At-Large Mbr	6/30/11
Tracey Thompson – Housing Authority	6/30/12
Linda Leduc - Conservation Commission	6/30/12
Leslie Squires - Historical Commission	6/30/12
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Mbr	6/30/12
Edwina Cruise - At-Large Mbr	6/30/13
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/14
Judy Healy *(appt 10/12/11)*	6/30/14

Conservation Commission

Robert J. Rizzo *(resigned 1/24/2011)*	6/30/12
Polly Prunuske – Associate Mbr	6/30/12
David M. Haines	6/30/12
Michael Cavatorta *(appt full mbr 3/14/2011)*	6/30/12
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/12
John M. Clements	6/30/12
Edward T. Knight	6/30/13
John Henry	6/30/13
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/14
Linda Leduc	6/30/14

Council on Aging

Elaine Hitchcock	6/30/11
David Small *(resigned 10/24/11)*	6/30/12
Bonnie Strickland – Assoc Mbr	6/30/11
Erica Morrisoin-Brazitis Associate Mbr *(appt 6/13/11); Full Mbr (appt 11/28/2011)*	6/30/12
Erin Lamoureux - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
Sandy Riley – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/12
Jill Chaban – Assoc Mbr	6/30/12
Esther Pierce	6/30/12
Patricia Kleeberg	6/30/12
Thomas Soja	6/30/13
Lois J. Dorn	6/30/13
Sandra Farron	6/30/14
Maureen Guzik	6/30/14

Belchertown Cultural Council

Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/12
Bruce Klockars	6/30/12
Lew Holzman	6/30/12
Matt Grillo	6/30/14
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/14
Sharon Marean	6/30/14

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham – Town Administrator
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson - Planner
John Whelihan – Assessor
Loy Harris - EDIC
Paul Silva – Finance Committee

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jayme Parro – Assoc Mbr *(appt 3/14/2011); (resigned 6/13/2011)*	6/30/11
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/12
Bob Rivard – Industrial Seat *(appt 10/12/11)*	6/30/12
Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/13
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/13
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/13
Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat	6/30/14
Juanita M. Hollar – Real Estate	6/30/14

EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer EMT-Paramedic

EMS Department

Jan Thornton - Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/11
Jonathan T. Smith - Part-Time EMT-Paramedic	6/30/12
John Hawley - Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/12
John Lebrecque - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/12
Kate O`Connor - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/12
Richard Blomstrom -Part-Time EMT-Paramedic	6/30/12

Energy Committee

Rob Rizzo *(resigned 1/24/2011)*	6/30/11
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/12
Cindy Janke	6/30/12
Gordon Boyce	6/30/12
Frank Lomanno	6/30/12
Alan Weiss	6/30/12
Jeffrey Davis	6/30/12

Fair Committee

Darlene Coulombe *(resigned 3/17/2011)*	6/30/11
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/12
Kevin Brown	6/30/12
Mark Nute	6/30/12
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/12
Cindy Brown	6/30/12

Name Office Term Expires

Fair Committee, continued

Carla Chaisson	6/30/12
Scott Brown	6/30/12
William Austin	6/30/12
Christine Walker *(appt 1/10/2011)*	6/30/12
Wendy Chevalier (*appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12

Belchertown Family Center

Stacy Stackhouse	6/30/12
Lori Allen	6/30/12
April Czupryna	6/30/13
Dr. Gary Circosta *(appt 5/23/11)*	6/30/13
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/14

Finance Committee

Laurie Shea	6/30/11
Kate DeCou	6/30/12
Steven Rose	6/30/13
Mary Olberding	6/30/13
Paul M. Silva	6/30/14
Kyle Vincent *(appt 7/9/11)*	6/30/14

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Joint Commission for Foley Field

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/12

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/12

Name Office Term Expires

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/11
Charles Cavagnaro, M.D. *(appt 6/6/2011)*	6/30/12

Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/12

Historical Commission

Judith Fuller Gillan-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/12
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/12
Kim Libucha	6/30/13
Melissa Wonkka *(appt 1/10/11)*	6/30/13
Leslie Squires	6/30/14
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/14
Sue Fulton	6/30/14

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Denise Smith	6/30/12
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/12
Thomas Stockton – Resident/ Property Owner	6/30/13
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/14

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Todd Farnsworth *(resigned 9/12/11)*	6/30/12
Dr. Gary Circosta *(appt 3/14/11; resigned 11/14/11)*	6/30/13
Robert L. Stephens *(resigned 9/12/11)*	6/30/13
Patricia M. LaFore	6/30/13
Michele Snizek	6/30/14
Matthew Charette *(appt 7/25/11)*	6/30/14

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/14

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/12

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/12

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/12

Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko	6/30/12
Brian Varney	6/30/12
Douglas Rae	6/30/12

Lakes Committee

(Committee est. & members appt 5/23/2011)

Kathi Smith	6/30/12
Andrew French-Recreation Rep	6/30/13
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/13
Paul O. Reyes	6/30/14
LeeAnne Connolly-Conservation Rep	6/30/14

Memorial Committee

Susan Gay, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
Edward T. Knight	6/30/12
William Bowan	6/30/12
Leslie Squires	6/30/13
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/13
Janet M. Jourdain	6/30/14

Personnel Board

Sharon Riley	6/30/12
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/12
Richard J. Fritsch	6/30/13
Simon James	6/30/14

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Mark Andrews	6/30/11

Playground Committee

Eric Weiss	Final Report
Kenneth Elstein	Final Report
Andrew Gatesman	Final Report

Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
John Drawec	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier *(appt 5/23/2011)*	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/10

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

David Conkey	6/30/11
Bruce Jenks	6/30/12
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/12
William A. Panto	6/30/12
Steven Henn *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Steven W. Henn, Jr. *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Edward H. Oey	6/30/12
James Daniels	6/30/12
Valerie Cote	6/30/12
Adam Brougham	6/30/12
Neil Lozier	6/30/12
John Raymer	6/30/12
Jason Krol	6/30/12
Jacob Strange	6/30/12
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/12
David Williams	6/30/12
Jason Christofori	6/30/12
Michael Beaupre	6/30/12
Michael Roney	6/30/12

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

Brent Noyes	6/30/11
Anthony Sotollotto	6/30/11
Josh Dufresne	6/30/11
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/12
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/12
Andrew Sieracki	6/30/12
James Taylor	6/30/12
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/12
David Conkey	6/30/12
Benjamin Beaver *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Edward Smith *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Jeff Koreman *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Luke Rennie *(appt 10/13/11)*	6/30/12
Mann, Robert *(appt 10/13/11)*	6/30/12
Sean Noonan *(appt 10/13/11)*	6/30/12
Brian Ellithorpe *(appt 10/13/11)*	6/30/12

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/12
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/12
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/12

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Mark Andrews	6/30/12
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/12

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/12
Laura Kump *(resigned 5/24/11)*	6/30/11

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (Belchertown Representative)

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/12

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Recreation Commission

Yosef Nimni – Assoc Mbr	6/30/12
Tilo Schiffer – Assoc Mbr	6/30/12
Lisa Gustafson	6/30/12
Kelly A. Harris	6/30/13
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/13
Shannon Synan	6/30/13
Megan Manitsas	6/30/14
Karen Corey	6/30/14
Andrew French	6/30/14

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

Regional Economic Development Commission Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Michael Reardon
Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/11
Linda E. Barron	3/31/12
William R. Barnett	5/21/12
MaryCatherine Knight	3/31/13
Clara M Very *(appt 3/29/11)*	3/31/14

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury - Belchertown High School	3/31/11

Name Office Term Expires

Precinct Coordinator

John D. Burns	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct A

George R. Harrell (Warden)	8/31/11
Debora Comeau (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden) *(Resigned 4/30/2011)*	8/31/11
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge(Warden)	8/31/11
Samuel J. Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden) *(resigned 3/29/2011)*	8/31/11
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/11

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/11
Simon James	6/30/14
Donald Minney	6/30/15

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Judith Houle	6/30/12
Simon R. James	6/30/12
Clare Popowich	6/30/12
Theresa Przybylowicz	6/30/12
Sharon Barnett	6/30/12
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/12
Judith Dudek (Pathfinder)	6/30/12

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/12

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner. Alternate

Name Office Term Expires

Skate Park Committee

Christine Shaw	6/30/11
Ed Lofland	6/30/11
Nancy Voyer	6/30/12
Beth Adams *(appt 10/24/11)*	6/30/13
Michelle Ricker *(appt 10/24/12)*	6/30/14

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/12

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly. Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams. DPW Director	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

(name changed from Telecommunications Advisory Committee 5/2011)

Christopher deHahn *(resigned 5/23/11)*	6/30/11
Joseph Gohra *(resigned 10/11/11)*	6/30/12
Frank Lomanno	6/30/12
James Burke	6/30/12
Lew Louraine	6/30/12
Yosef Yimni	6/30/12
Jeromie Whalen *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Michael Zoufaly *(appt 9/26/11)*	6/30/12

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly – Town	6/30/12
Douglas Albertson - Alternate	6/30/11
Jane Bryden – Landowner Rep. *(appt 6/13/2011)*	6/30/12

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/13

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/12

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/12

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/13

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/12

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/12

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/12

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/12

250th Anniversary Committee

Peg Louraine	Final Report
Leslie Squires	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report
Andrea Filipkowski	Final Report
Donald Pipczynski	Final Report
Linda Sterling	Final Report
William Barnett	Final Report
Paul Dansereau	Final Report
Cliff McCarthy	Final Report
Gloria Fortunato	Final Report
Kevin Brown	Final Report
Cindy Brown	Final Report
Mary-Alice Austin	Final Report
Thomas Stockton	Final Report
Linda Cunningham	Final Report
Bruce Allyn Klockars *(appt 2/8/10)*	Final Report

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima	
Steve Williams, Alternate Trench Permitting Authority	

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/12

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/12

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	4/30/12

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

William McClure - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
Larry Raines – Assoc Mbr *(appt 6/13/11)*	6/30/12
Michael Mount	6/30/12
Keith Poulin	6/30/12
Gerry Desilets	6/30/12
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/12
William Bowen	6/30/13
Janet Jourdain	6/30/14
Raymond Janke	Period of employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	

Zoning Board of Appeals

Raymond G. Goff	6/30/11
Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/12
David Lucey	6/30/13
Robert Hislop	6/30/14

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Robert Hislop*(appt full seat 6/13/11)*	6/30/11
Bernadette Harrigan	6/30/11
Mark Hebert	6/30/12

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/12

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

After four years of the Great Recession, and facing three nearly unprecedented weather events, it is extraordinary how our successful town has been able to maintain normal services. It is a great tribute to all of the employees and volunteers of our community that our schools and our Senior Center and our Emergency Services and all of our other important programs have thrived in spite of these incredible hurdles.

We have been able to deal with budget issues more effectively than most other American municipalities. Though we were able to avoid the most serious effects of nearby tornados and of Hurricane Irene, the late-October snowstorm hurt our community more than most. When almost all of us lost power and water and heat and communications, our Belchertown volunteers and staff demonstrated again and again why we are such a wonderful community. Through the extraordinary events, in which many of us still had no power after a full week, we put our best feet forward. Our emergency shelter, and the efforts to open the roads and to bring people to it, were a model other towns should copy. Thank you to everyone who helped one another!

We also had several very special achievements this year:

The energy-saving ESCO project was approved and implemented. Without any net impact on our town budget, we have replaced infrastructure in most of our town buildings, including two 50+ year-old boilers. This program is made possible by using the savings in energy costs, as we succeed in fulfilling our Green Communities commitment to reduce our energy usage by over 20 percent.

Two important steps were taken to strengthen the capabilities of our emergency services. The Town hired its first four fulltime Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians funded primarily with a federal grant. Our Police Department took its first steps to add Auxiliary Officers to the force. These and other steps will allow us to react more effectively to future emergencies.

We continued our long-term commitment to preserve Belchertown's rural look and feel, by purchasing Holland Glen outright, and by welcoming the addition of the former Ingate property to the Mt. Holyoke Range State Park. Between them, nearly a full square mile of land is preserved for future generations in the important Quabbin-Holyoke Range corridor. These successful projects were cooperative efforts of volunteers and government.

Most of all, as you read the various reports that follow, think about the many hundreds of volunteers who are named. In addition, there are also hundreds of volunteers who are not named in these reports: people who volunteer in youth, community, land preservation, fraternal, religious, and other groups. We appreciate their work, all of which is needed to maintain our vibrant community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Elstein, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Last year was one of the most interesting periods in my time in this position. In just five months sections of Western Massachusetts were destroyed by tornadoes, shaken by tremors from an east coast earthquake, flooded by the effects of hurricane Irene, and devastated by a late October snowstorm.

Although Belchertown was spared the brunt of the tornado damage and extreme flooding, we were hit hard by the October snowstorm. At its conclusion, the entire town was without power and essential services. The task of responding to public safety calls was tedious at best, as most streets were left with downed wires and trees making passage near impossible. To assist Belchertown's residents, a shelter was opened at the Belchertown High School providing three meals per day, hot showers and a safe environment for sleeping. At its end, the Shelter served over 3,000 hot meals and assisted hundreds and hundreds of local residents in various ways. This would not have been possible without the exceptional cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools and the staff of the Belchertown School Department.

As we often discuss in these reports, the current economy continues to challenge the Town's most prudent financial managers. Although in my opinion our local officials continue to do a dynamic job, we are continually losing ground at the hands of the federal or state governments. A prime example is the reduction in local aid in the State's FY12 budget. For the third consecutive year, we have experienced a reduction in the lottery aid portion which is the Town government's primary source of state aid provided. This most recent reduction brings the total reductions of the past three years to near 30%. We will continue to do everything possible to maintain our current level of services in spite of this.

On a more positive note, 2011 marks Belchertown's 250th birthday. The 250th Anniversary Committee executed many events throughout the year that were enjoyed by many local residents. If you were able to participate in one or more of these events, thank you for celebrating Belchertown's birthday and thank you for supporting the 250th Anniversary Committee. I especially would like to thank the 250th Anniversary Committee for all its hard work in planning these events.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, voters approved a bond authorization for approximately $3.2 million dollars to enter into an energy performance contract. This contract, with Siemens International, was developed over a period of months with constant meetings and feedback from town officials and/or employees, and essentially identified a significant number of areas where the Town could save substantial energy dollars by upgrading heating, ventilation, lighting systems or other building infrastructure with modern energy efficient devices. One notable item is the replacement boiler at Lawrence Memorial Hall that will replace a boiler that was manufactured in the 1920s.

This project is near complete and is guaranteed to reduce the Town and/or School Department's energy costs by $258,000 per year. The nature of this contract was to be cash neutral with the bond obligations paid down with the energy savings. Initially we anticipated a 17 year payback; however, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts offered a new initiative of qualified energy efficiency bonds which Belchertown was eager to apply for and ultimately approved. That approval reduced the payback by five years and will save tens of thousands of dollars in interest costs as a result. This project would not have been possible without the high level of cooperation between the Town employees and School Department employees. support of the Board of Selectmen and ultimately the voters who approved the bond authorization.

In addition, and after many years of discussions and false starts, the windows in Lawrence Memorial Hall were totally refurbished. Originally manufactured in the 1920s. the old wood sashes, pulleys and weights, fell victim of the years and years of neglect. After considerable discussion regarding vinyl replacement or rehabilitation of the wood window, it was decided to maintain the historical qualities of the Town's central offices and repair the windows that were in place. At a cost of near $350,000. each piece was meticulously scraped, painted, refastened, repaired or whatever was necessary to make these windows as good as new. The funding for this project was made available from the Town's Community Preservation Committee. Much the same as the energy performance contract. this significant accomplishment is an incredible example of local people working together.

As Town Administrator, I often hear from local residents how important they feel it is for the Town to maintain open space. It is for this reason voters are often asked to support a grant application or purchase agreement for a parcel of land that has been indentified for preservation. In 2011, two significant parcels of land were purchased or protected at limited or no cost to the Town. The first consists of nearly 290 acres on the east side of Amherst Road and is more recently identified as the Holland Glen Conservation Area. This parcel was purchased for $750,000 at little or no cost to the Town of Belchertown. The second parcel, the former Ingate Farm of nearly 300 acres, was also protected at no cost to the Town. These two parcels in total are approximately 600 acres or nearly one square mile of open space. Although many people were involved in these transactions. a special thank you to LeeAnne Connolly, the Kestrel Trust and all those who made these two transactions possible. It is once again an incredible accomplishment made possible by local people working together.

Finally, as Town Administrator I would like to thank the Selectmen for their ongoing service to the Town of Belchertown and support of this office. and all the town employees who work diligently at their respective positions. and to all of the Board and Committee volunteers who give so generously of themselves to make Belchertown the great community we all call home.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Fiscal Year 12 budget projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from $43,168,000 to $44,120,000 for an increase of $952,000 or 2.2%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 12	FY 11	Increase / Decrease	Percent Change
Local Receipts	2,412,000	2,474,000	(62,000)	(2.5%)
Real Estate Tax Levy	21,844,000	21,157,000	687,000	3.2%
Recurring State Aid	17,178,000	17,093,000	85,000	.5%
Special Fund Receipts	2,686,000	2,444,000	242,000	10.0%
	44,120,000	43,168,000	952,000	2.2%

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was $252,000 in Fiscal Year 12 and is included in Special Fund Receipts.

The Fiscal Year 12 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

Department	FY 12	FY 11	Increase / Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,652,000	1,551,000	101,000	6.5%
Public Safety	3,117,000	2,939,000	178,000	6.1%
Public Schools	25,810,000	25,343,000	467,000	1.8%
Highways	1,453,000	1,297,000	157,000	12.1%
Sanitation & Environment	1,947,000	1,912,000	35,000	1.8%
Human Services	726,000	701,000	26,000	3.7%
Culture and Recreation	712,000	698,000	13,000	1.9%
Buildings and Grounds	746,000	744,000	2,000	.3%
Pension and Insurance	3,289,000	3,208,000	81,000	2.5%
Other Accounts	93,000	99,000	(4,000)	(4.1%)
Interest and Maturing Debt	3,369,000	3,548,000	(178,000)	(5.0%)
Council of Government	8,000	8,000	0	(0%)
Mandatory State Offsets	1,198,000	1,120,000	78,000	6.9%
	44,120,000	43,168,000	952,000	2.2%

The Town is now entering another budget season. Although the economy is continuing to show signs of recovering from the recession the Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources and an increase in demand by the State and local governments. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul Silva, Chairman
Finance Committee

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2011

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	4,049,870.55	3,411,057.14	100,666.84	194,709.40	55,985.33	2,853,507.59		10,665,796.85
Petty Cash Advance	135.00	3,221.00						3,356.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	362,219.16							362,219.16
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	242,196.83							242,196.83
Tax Liens	520,687.41			6,071.96				526,759.37
Special Assessments	29,994.95			4,386,278.43				4,416,273.38
Departmental	293,885.04			382,638.06				676,523.10
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(303,462.05)							(303,462.05)
Tax Foreclosures	304,208.32			3,176.04				307,384.36
Lieu Taxes	3,819.33							3,819.33
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,621.18						3,621.18
Due From Other Governments	209,253.59	737,377.85						946,631.44
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	750,000.00	80,000.00					830,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							33,478,332.54	33,478,332.54
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							21,463.62	21,463.62
Total Assets	5,764,108.86	4,905,277.17	180,666.84	4,972,873.89	55,985.33	2,853,507.59	33,499,796.16	52,232,215.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2011

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	2,337,414.84	284,363.83	0.00	24,795.02	1,424.97	500.00		2,648,498.66
Employee Withholdings	267,916.49	3,650.00						271,566.49
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	(70,518.10)							(70,518.10)
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	242,196.83							242,196.83
Tax Liens	520,687.41			6,071.96				526,759.37
Special Assessments	29,994.95			4,386,278.43				4,416,273.38
Lieu Taxes	3,819.33							3,819.33
Departmental	293,885.04			382,638.06				676,523.10
Tax Foreclosures	304,208.32			3,176.04				307,384.36
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,016.07						
Government Receivable	209,253.59	737,377.85	0.00					946,631.44
Grant Receivable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	750,000.00	80,000.00					830,000.00
Early Payment of 2012 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	34,007.21	605.11						34,612.32
Unclaimed Checks	24,610.34							24,610.34
Excess on Land of Low Value	41,233.61							41,233.61
Bond Indebtedness							33,478,332.54	33,478,332.54
Compensated Absences							21,463.62	21,463.62
Total Liabilities	4,290,010.59	1,779,012.86	80,000.00	4,802,959.51	1,424.97	500.00	33,499,796.16	44,453,704.09
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	267,972.51							267,972.51
Reserve for Expenditures	273,000.00	196,378.20		77,447.00	28,623.00			575,448.20
Unreserved Fund Balance	933,125.76							933,125.76
Reserved Fund Balance		2,909,468.23	100,666.84	92,467.38	25,937.36	2,853,007.59		5,981,547.40
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88						20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	1,474,098.27	3,126,264.31	100,666.84	169,914.38	54,560.36	2,853,007.59	0.00	7,778,511.75
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,764,108.86	4,905,277.17	180,666.84	4,972,873.89	55,985.33	2,853,507.59	33,499,796.16	52,232,215.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

ASSETS		
Cash		4,049,870.55
Petty Cash Advance		135.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	362,219.16	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	242,196.83	
Tax Liens	520,687.41	
Special Assessments	29,994.95	
Lieu Taxes	3,819.33	
Departmental	293,885.04	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	151,447.81	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(303,462.05)	
		1,352,089.21
Due from Other Governments		57,805.78
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		304,208.32
Total Assets		5,764,108.86
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		2,337,414.84
Employee Withholdings		267,916.49
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(70,518.10)	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	242,196.83	
Tax Liens	520,687.41	
Special Assessments	29,994.95	
Lieu Taxes	3,819.33	
Departmental	293,885.04	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	151,447.81	
Governmental Receivable - FEMA	57,805.78	
Tax Foreclosures	304,208.32	
		1,584,828.10
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2012 Property Tax		34,007.21
Unclaimed Checks		24,610.34
Total Liabilities		4,290,010.59
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		273,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		267,972.51
Unreserved Fund Balance		933,125.76
Total Fund Equity		1,474,098.27
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		5,764,108.86

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	872,098.62	(107,141.59)	208,081.62	133,743.70	55,443.70	195,959.23	1,880,373.48	172,498.38	3,411,057.14
Petty Cash Advance					125.00		3,096.00		3,221.00
Due From Commonwealth		132,470.85		500,000.00					632,470.85
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	250,000.00			500,000.00					750,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	3,621.18								3,621.18
Due from Federal Government			104,907.00						104,907.00
Total Assets	1,125,719.80	25,329.26	312,988.62	1,133,743.70	55,568.70	195,959.23	1,883,469.48	172,498.38	4,905,277.17
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	57,530.00	0.00	114,200.86	25,311.47	30,318.04	7,837.45	43,021.64	6,144.37	284,363.83
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		132,470.85		500,000.00			0.00		632,470.85
Employee Withholdings								3,650.00	3,650.00
Bond Anticipation Note	250,000.00			500,000.00					750,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,016.07								3,016.07
Early pmt of '12 CPA Surcharge	605.11								605.11
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable			104,907.00						104,907.00
Total Liabilities	311,151.18	132,470.85	219,107.86	1,025,311.47	30,318.04	7,837.45	43,021.64	9,794.37	1,779,012.86
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	618,190.42	(107,141.59)	93,880.76	108,432.23	25,250.66	188,121.78	1,820,029.96	162,704.01	2,909,468.23
Reserve for Open Space	1,893.60								1,893.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	45,567.30								45,567.30
Reserve for Community Housing	148,917.30								148,917.30
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88		20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	814,568.62	(107,141.59)	93,880.76	108,432.23	25,250.66	188,121.78	1,840,447.84	162,704.01	3,126,264.31
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,125,719.80	25,329.26	312,988.62	1,133,743.70	55,568.70	195,959.23	1,883,469.48	172,498.38	4,905,277.17

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS			
Cash	10,520.66	90,146.18	100,666.84
WPAT Receivable		0.00	0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00	0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		80,000.00	80,000.00
Total Assets	10,520.66	170,146.18	180,666.84
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		80,000.00	80,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payab		0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
Fund Equity:			
Reserved Fund Balance	10,520.66	90,146.18	100,666.84
Total Fund Equity	10,520.66	90,146.18	100,666.84
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10,520.66	170,146.18	180,666.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

ASSETS		
Cash		194,709.40
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	19,880.27	
Sewer User Fees	362,757.79	
Assessments	4,386,278.43	
Tax Liens - Sewer	6,071.96	
		4,774,988.45
Sewer Possessions		3,176.04
Total Assets		4,972,873.89
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		24,795.02
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	19,880.27	
Sewer User Fees	362,757.79	
Assessments	4,386,278.43	
Tax Liens - Sewer	6,071.96	
Sewer possessions	3,176.04	
		4,778,164.49
Total Liabilities		4,802,959.51
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		77,447.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		0.00
Retained Earnings		92,467.38
Total Fund Equity		169,914.38
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		4,972,873.89

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash	55,985.33
Total Assets	55,985.33
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	1,424.97
Total Liabilities	1,424.97
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	28,623.00
Retained Earnings	25,937.36
Total Fund Equity	54,560.36
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	55,985.33

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash	2,087,876.16
Total Assets	2,087,876.16
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	500.00
Total Liabilities	500.00
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	2,087,376.16
Total Fund Equity	2,087,376.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,087,876.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash	765,631.43
Total Assets	765,631.43
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	765,631.43
Total Fund Balance	765,631.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	765,631.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2011

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																		
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	17,510,000.00	90,000.00	800,000.00	2,400,000.00	3,846,700.00	265,000.00	315,000.00	665,000.00	395,000.00	265,000.00	835,000.00	1,338,771.00	2,805,627.74	1,410,084.80	537,149.00			33,478,332.54
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence																1,300.79	20,162.83	21,463.62
Total Assets	17,510,000.00	90,000.00	800,000.00	2,400,000.00	3,846,700.00	265,000.00	315,000.00	665,000.00	395,000.00	265,000.00	835,000.00	1,338,771.00	2,805,627.74	1,410,084.80	537,149.00	1,300.79	20,162.83	33,499,796.16
LIABILITIES																		
Bond Indebtednes	17,510,000.00	90,000.00	800,000.00	2,400,000.00	3,846,700.00	265,000.00	315,000.00	665,000.00	395,000.00	265,000.00	835,000.00	1,338,771.00	2,805,627.74	1,410,084.80	537,149.00			33,478,332.54
Compensated Absences																1,300.79	20,162.83	21,463.62
Total Liabilities	17,510,000.00	90,000.00	800,000.00	2,400,000.00	3,846,700.00	265,000.00	315,000.00	665,000.00	395,000.00	265,000.00	835,000.00	1,338,771.00	2,805,627.74	1,410,084.80	537,149.00	1,300.79	20,162.83	33,499,796.16

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY12
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$17,116.00	$15,773.62	$1,342.38	
Town Administrator	$196,256.00	$195,642.05	$613.95	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,173.98	$326.02	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$200.00	$50.00	
Reserve Fund	$18,000.00	$0.00	$18,000.00 *	
Town Accountant	$187,882.00	$179,519.46	$8,362.54	$6,550.00
MIS Director	$228,636.00	$226,342.34	$2,293.66	
Assessors	$280,494.00	$269,265.86	$11,228.14	$9,255.00
Treasurer/Collector	$270,677.00	$260,830.10	$9,846.90	
Law Account	$91,300.00	$84,563.57	$6,736.43	
Town Clerk	$111,215.00	$107,847.15	$3,367.85	
Election & Registration	$27,820.00	$25,429.43	$2,390.57	
Conservation Commission	$60,349.00	$58,622.22	$1,726.78	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20	$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$93,719.00	$91,341.36	$2,377.64	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,425.57	$1,269.43	
EDIC	$300.00	$288.25	$11.75	
Agricultural Commission	$500.00	$75.00	$425.00	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$2,809.00	$2,405.00	$404.00	
	$1,593,663.20	$1,522,690.16	$70,973.04	$15,805.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,748,817.00	$1,721,691.88	$27,125.12	$168.65
Fire Department	$349,815.00	$341,334.56	$8,480.44	$1.00
Hydrant Service	$24,656.00	$24,656.00	$0.00	
EMS	$638,114.00	$625,610.55	$12,503.45	$3.50
Injured on Duty	$3,000.00	$0.00	$3,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	$12,841.00	$12,841.00	$0.00	
Inspection Services	$130,651.00	$119,620.83	$11,030.17	
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,380.46	$139.54	
Dog Officer	$41,610.00	$39,543.71	$2,066.29	
	$2,951,024.00	$2,886,678.99	$64,345.01	$173.15
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$24,518,616.00	$24,274,481.64 *	$244,134.36	$250,831.11
Regional School	$823,950.00	$823,950.00	$0.00	
	$25,342,566.00	$25,098,431.64	$244,134.36	$250,831.11

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY12
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$653,693.00	$649,910.24	$3,782.76	
Professional Engineering	$17,000.00	$13,225.00	$3,775.00	
Administration	$13,500.00	$13,356.88	$143.12	
Snow & Ice Control	$312,000.00	$363,109.03 *	($51,109.03)	
Street Lighting	$35,150.00	$34,182.60	$967.40	
Road Machinery	$159,650.00	$156,572.41	$3,077.59	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$125,500.00	$123,821.08	$1,678.92	$809.25
Town Garage	$28,900.00	$28,308.66	$591.34	
Hired Services	$102,850.00	$102,581.14	$268.86	
Maintenance/Grounds	$405,400.00	$390,309.79	$15,090.21	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$55,450.00	$54,836.77	$613.23	
Finnerty House	$9,850.00	$8,776.04	$1,073.96	
EMS Building	$14,450.00	$11,229.64	$3,220.36	
Police Station	$55,000.00	$54,990.84	$9.16	
Senior Center Building	$49,650.00	$49,451.36	$198.64	
Recreation Building	$33,300.00	$31,534.73	$1,765.27	
Freedom Center	$32,700.00	$32,144.82	$555.18	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	$958.00	$42.00	
Fire Station	$36,940.00	$34,237.87	$2,702.13	
Everett Ave Property	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$0.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$23,150.00	$19,738.80	$3,411.20	
Old Town Hall	$11,150.00	$10,962.56	$187.44	
Town Common	$3,750.00	$3,256.66	$493.34	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$34,385.00	$33,790.46	$594.54	
	$2,218,018.00	$2,224,885.38	($6,867.38)	$809.25
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$17,332.00	$12,795.17	$4,536.83	$354.00
Quabbin Health District	$123,837.08	$123,837.08	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$396,605.00	$385,501.71	$11,103.29	
Veterans' Services	$244,490.00	$213,163.41	$31,326.59	
	$782,264.08	$735,297.37	$46,966.71	$354.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$376,499.00	$367,701.09	$8,797.91	
Recreation Department	$243,153.00	$243,142.92	$10.08	
Recreation - Pool	$34,532.00	$34,373.12	$158.88	
Teen Center Operating	$33,180.00	$31,992.88	$1,187.12	
Town Beach	$3,100.00	$3,099.41	$0.59	
Family Center	$3,000.00	$2,993.29	$6.71	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$0.00	$348.00	
250th Anniversary Committee	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$0.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$699,612.00	$688,302.71	$11,309.29	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY12
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$52,925.00	$46,130.69	$6,794.31	
Council of Governments	$7,500.00	$7,500.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,765,851.00	$1,765,851.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$1,620.00	$0.00	$1,620.00	
Unemployment	$31,256.00	$10,584.79	$20,671.21	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$949,000.00	$936,948.36	$12,051.64	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,400.00	$3,240.74	$1,159.26	
Medicare-Town Share	$85,000.00	$77,672.65	$7,327.35	
General Insurance	$272,343.00	$261,359.08	$10,983.92	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
	$3,169,895.00	$3,109,287.31	$60,607.69	$0.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,410,000.00	$2,410,000.00	$0.00	
Interest	$1,132,708.00	$1,126,497.16	$6,210.84	
	$3,542,708.00	$3,536,497.16	$6,210.84	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$2,810.62	$2,558.23	$252.39	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$12.69	$12.69	$0.00	
School Department	$156,417.39	$156,322.26	$95.13	
Public Works	$2,656.39	$2,656.39	$0.00	
Human Services	$3,000.00	$2,998.04	$1.96	
Insurance & Unclassified	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
	$164,897.09	$164,547.61	$349.48	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY12
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,593,663.20	$1,522,690.16	$70,973.04	$15,805.00
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,951,024.00	$2,886,678.99	$64,345.01	$173.15
Education	$25,342,566.00	$25,098,431.64	$244,134.36	$250,831.11
Public Works	$2,218,018.00	$2,224,885.38	($6,867.38)	$809.25
Human Services	$782,264.08	$735,297.37	$46,966.71	$354.00
Culture & Recreation	$699,612.00	$688,302.71	$11,309.29	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$3,169,895.00	$3,109,287.31	$60,607.69	$0.00
Debt & Interest	$3,542,708.00	$3,536,497.16	$6,210.84	$0.00
	$40,299,750.28	$39,802,070.72	$497,679.56	$267,972.51
Encumbered Funds	$164,897.09	$164,547.61	$349.48	$0.00
TOTALS	$40,464,647.37	$39,966,618.33	$498,029.04	$267,972.51

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

*Actual amount spent for snow removal includes FEMA receivable amt:
DPW:$51,109.03, schools:$6,696.75

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	20,950,634.09						20,950,634.09
State Receipts	16,855,808.62						16,855,808.62
Excise Taxes	1,552,932.86						1,552,932.86
Tax Liens	152,902.20						152,902.20
Lieu Taxes	303,985.54						303,985.54
Licenses & Permits	135,359.80						135,359.80
Special Assessments	8,867.43						8,867.43
Interest	168,868.10	18,100.05		6,069.52		37,243.76	230,281.43
Fines & Forfeits	34,638.50						34,638.50
Departmental Revenue	212,969.60	2,528,611.79		1,377,029.48	268,863.43		4,387,474.30
Fees	70,608.60						70,608.60
Rentals	68,907.63						68,907.63
Umass Transit	36,659.00						36,659.00
Other Miscellaneous	39,854.37	341,997.07				10,343.18	392,194.62
Grants		3,969,318.49					3,969,318.49
Performance Guarantees		1,500.00					1,500.00
Gifts		317,335.85					317,335.85
Temporary Loans		750,000.00	80,000.00				830,000.00
MWPAT							0.00
Bond Proceeds							0.00
Total Revenues	40,592,996.34	7,926,863.25	80,000.00	1,383,099.00	268,863.43	47,586.94	50,299,408.96
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,522,690.16	1,139,621.46					2,662,311.62
Protection of Persons & Property	2,886,678.99	403,825.87					3,290,504.86
Education	25,098,431.64	3,959,840.28				13,250.00	29,071,521.92
Public Works	2,224,885.38	556,941.64		670,955.71	273,257.69	1,406.32	3,727,446.74
Human Services	735,297.37	254,846.05				25,096.58	1,015,240.00
Culture & Recreation	688,302.71	369,296.00					1,057,598.71

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	3,109,287.31						3,109,287.31
Debt & Interest	3,536,497.16			845,572.17			4,382,069.33
State Assessments	664,578.00						664,578.00
Prior Year Expenditures	164,547.61			23.44			164,571.05
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction							0.00
Equipment							0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds							0.00
Temporary Loan			150,000.00				150,000.00
Total Expenditures	40,631,196.33	6,684,371.30	150,000.00	1,516,551.32	273,257.69	39,752.90	49,295,129.54
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(38,199.99)	1,242,491.95	(70,000.00)	(133,452.32)	(4,394.26)	7,834.04	1,004,279.42
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	621,500.00	0.00	70,000.00	105,325.00	0.00	463,000.00	1,259,825.00
Operating Transfers Out	568,325.00	471,500.00	0.00	70,000.00	0.00	150,000.00	1,259,825.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	53,175.00	(471,500.00)	70,000.00	35,325.00	0.00	313,000.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	14,975.01	770,991.95	0.00	(98,127.32)	(4,394.26)	320,834.04	1,004,279.42
Audit Adjustment	(4,757.50)	4,757.50					0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-10	1,463,880.76	2,350,943.76	100,666.84	268,041.70	58,954.62	1,766,542.12	6,009,029.80
Fund Balance 6-30-11	1,474,098.27	3,126,693.21	100,666.84	169,914.38	54,560.36	2,087,376.16	7,013,309.22

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	21,044,935.28	20,950,634.09	(94,301.19)
State Receipts	16,898,231.00	16,855,808.62	(42,422.38)
Excise Taxes	1,400,500.00	1,552,932.86	152,432.86
Tax Liens	0.00	152,902.20	152,902.20
Lieu Taxes	295,000.00	303,985.54	8,985.54
Licenses & Permits	134,000.00	135,359.80	1,359.80
Special Assessments	8,431.00	8,867.43	436.43
Interest	200,000.00	168,868.10	(31,131.90)
Fines & Forfeits	42,500.00	34,638.50	(7,861.50)
Departmental Revenue	226,000.00	212,969.60	(13,030.40)
Fees	68,000.00	70,608.60	2,608.60
Rentals	64,000.00	68,907.63	4,907.63
Umass Transit	35,600.00	36,659.00	1,059.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	39,854.37	39,854.37
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	40,417,197.28	40,592,996.34	175,799.06
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,593,663.20	1,522,690.16	70,973.04
Protection of Persons & Property	2,951,024.00	2,886,678.99	64,345.01
Education	25,342,566.00	25,098,431.64	244,134.36
Public Works	2,218,018.00	2,224,885.38	(6,867.38)
Human Services	782,264.08	735,297.37	46,966.71
Culture & Recreation	699,612.00	688,302.71	11,309.29
Insurance & Unclassified	3,169,895.00	3,109,287.31	60,607.69
Debt & Interest	3,542,708.00	3,536,497.16	6,210.84
State Assessments	675,268.00	664,578.00	10,690.00
Prior Year Expenditures	164,897.09	164,547.61	349.48
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	41,139,915.37	40,631,196.33	508,719.04
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(38,199.99)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	586,500.00	621,500.00	
Operating Transfers Out	568,325.00	568,325.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	18,175.00	53,175.00	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		14,975.01	
Audit Adjustments		(4,757.50)	
Fund Balance 7/1/10		1,463,880.76	
Fund Balance 6/30/11		1,474,098.27	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

			GRANTS						
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	49,867.00	566,497.84	2,649,825.82	232,691.40	271,090.93		199,345.50		3,969,318.49
Collections & Fees	187,546.44		48,011.56	15,531.00	619,825.16	140,781.27	1,216,561.02	300,355.34	2,528,611.79
Interest	16,635.21		214.54	26.46	298.47		555.14	370.23	18,100.05
Performance Guarantees								1,500.00	1,500.00
Gifts	1,500.00		1,546.02	1,060.00		600.00	312,629.83		317,335.85
Temporary Loans	250,000.00			500,000.00					750,000.00
Other					3149.7		30,813.83	308,033.54	341,997.07
Total Revenues	505,548.65	566,497.84	2,699,597.94	749,308.86	894,364.26	141,381.27	1,759,905.32	610,259.11	7,926,863.25
Expenditures:									
General Government	438,488.97			503,278.00			128,419.08	69,435.41	1,139,621.46
Protection of Persons & Property			130,608.54	37,151.02			12,044.94	224,021.37	403,825.87
Education			2,377,637.23	168,809.97	874,030.60	42,107.74	136,265.38	360,989.36	3,959,840.28
Department of Public Works		473,605.19		0.00			69,796.45	13,540.00	556,941.64
Human Services			173,783.05	51,270.88			29,741.48	50.64	254,846.05
Culture & Recreation				20,848.61			346,947.39	1,500.00	369,296.00
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	438,488.97	473,605.19	2,682,028.82	781,358.48	874,030.60	42,107.74	723,214.72	669,536.78	6,684,371.30
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	67,059.68	92,892.65	17,569.12	(32,049.62)	20,333.66	99,273.53	1,036,690.60	(59,277.67)	1,242,491.95
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In									0.00
Operating Transfers Out							471,500.00		471,500.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(471,500.00)	0.00	(471,500.00)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

			GRANTS						
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	67,059.68	92,892.65	17,569.12	(32,049.62)	20,333.66	99,273.53	565,190.60	(59,277.67)	770,991.95
Audit Adjustments							4,757.50		4,757.50
Balance 7-1-10	747,508.94	(200,034.24)	76,311.54	140,481.85	4,792.00	88,848.25	1,266,911.24	226,124.18	2,350,943.76
Balance 6-30-11	814,568.62	(107,141.59)	93,880.66	108,432.23	25,125.66	188,121.78	1,836,859.34	166,846.51	3,126,693.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:			
MWPAT			$0.00
USDA Grant			$0.00
USDA Loan			$0.00
Temporary Loans		80,000.00	$80,000.00
Bond Proceeds			$0.00
Total Revenue	0.00	80,000.00	$80,000.00
Expenditures:			
Construction			$0.00
Equipment			$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds			$0.00
Temporary Loans		$150,000.00	$150,000.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$150,000.00	$150,000.00
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	($70,000.00)	($70,000.00)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In		$70,000.00	$70,000.00
Operation Transfers Out			$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$70,000.00	$70,000.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-10	$10,520.66	$90,146.18	$100,666.84
Fund Balance 6-30-11	$10,520.66	$90,146.18	$100,666.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,135,207.00	1,087,968.41	(47,238.59)
Sewer Assessments	196,000.00	272,776.07	76,776.07
Sewer Connections	10,000.00	16,250.00	6,250.00
Interest	0.00	6,069.52	6,069.52
Dumping Fees	0.00	35.00	35.00
Total Revenue	1,341,207.00	1,383,099.00	41,892.00
Expenditures:			
Environmental	715,528.00	670,955.71	44,572.29
Debt & Interest	921,565.00	845,572.17	75,992.83
Prior Year Expenditures	33.44	23.44	10.00
Total Expenditures	1,637,126.44	1,516,551.32	120,565.12
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(133,452.32)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	105,325.00	105,325.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	(70,000.00)	70,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	105,325.00	35,325.00	(70,000.00)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(98,127.32)	
Fund Balance 7/1/10		268,041.70	
Fund Balance 6/30/11		169,914.38	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2011

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	281,006.00	262,174.50	(18,831.50)
Sale of Recycling	3,000.00	6,688.93	3,688.93
Total Revenue	284,006.00	268,863.43	(15,142.57)
Expenditures:			
Environmental	281,493.00	273,257.69	8,235.31
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	281,493.00	273,257.69	8,235.31
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(4,394.26)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(4,394.26)	
Fund Balance 7/1/10		58,954.62	
Fund Balance 6/30/11		54,560.36	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Balance 7/1/2010	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2011
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$208,986.69		$10,384.06	$19,046.58			$200,324.17	$200,324.17
Whiting Street	$49,943.05		$445.74				$50,388.79	$50,388.79
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$5,089.18		$52.70				$5,141.88	$5,141.88
Calvin Bridgman High School	$15,035.72		$156.41				$15,192.13	$15,192.13
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$100,186.98		$675.45	$5,000.00			$95,862.43	$95,862.43
Pazasis Scholarship	$2,929.33	$176.44	$9.19	$1,000.00			$2,114.96	$2,114.96
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$0.00	$7,350.00	$7.54	$7,250.00			$107.54	$107.54
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$1,971.05		$44.40				$2,015.45	$2,015.45
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$3,775.46		$43.67				$3,819.13	$3,819.13
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$62,602.11	$1,620.00	$341.57	$6,050.00			$58,513.68	$58,513.68
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$29,509.15		$659.07				$30,168.22	$30,168.22
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,413.90		$12.01				$1,425.91	$1,425.91
Nellie E. Brown	$2,744.37		$23.59	$209.58			$2,558.38	$2,558.38
Willard Stebbins	$2,277.84		$28.09				$2,305.93	$2,305.93
Vianna E. Somes	$2,591.67		$21.53				$2,613.20	$2,613.20
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00	$1,196.74	$0.00	$1,196.74			$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$19,551.75		$90.25				$19,642.00	$19,642.00
Retirement Trust	$8,183.51		$9,447.51				$17,631.02	$17,631.02
Conservation Fund	$850.60		$6.32				$856.92	$856.92
Stabilization Fund	$1,129,485.46	$463,000.00	$15,690.77		($150,000.00)		$1,458,176.23	$1,458,176.23
Workers' Compensation Fund	$119,414.30		($896.11)				$118,518.19	$118,518.19
	$1,766,542.12	$473,343.18	$37,243.76	$39,752.90	($150,000.00)	$0.00	$2,087,376.16	$2,087,376.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2011

	Balance 7/1/2010	Additions	Balance 6/30/2011
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	139,387.14	3,350.00	142,737.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	762,281.43	3,350.00	765,631.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2011

	Principal	Interest	Total
2012	3,435,751.66	1,326,601.28	4,762,352.94
2013	3,239,359.60	1,438,234.14	4,677,593.74
2014	3,531,944.55	1,063,984.24	4,595,928.79
2015	3,534,456.40	928,803.53	4,463,259.93
2016	2,881,507.80	784,846.91	3,666,354.71
2017	2,883,963.88	677,359.41	3,561,323.29
2018	2,896,597.08	539,176.79	3,435,773.87
2019	2,887,436.85	425,492.55	3,312,929.40
2020	2,297,452.74	309,014.57	2,606,467.31
2021	2,069,580.07	210,070.47	2,279,650.54
2022	2,061,683.40	126,474.63	2,188,158.03
2023	533,901.17	41,934.60	575,835.77
2024	541,162.59	19,027.54	560,190.13
2025	162,062.17	14,652.58	176,714.75
2026	152,488.37	10,442.07	162,930.44
2027	149,963.04	6,692.55	156,655.59
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	311.24	31,435.24
	33,478,332.54	7,928,683.85	41,407,016.39

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2011

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2010	Reduced FY2011	Outstanding 6/30/2011	Due In FY2012
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	120,000.00	30,000.00	90,000.00	30,000.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	2,930,000.00	530,000.00	2,400,000.00	555,000.00
High School *	2002	4.50	19,390,000.00	1,880,000.00	17,510,000.00	1,665,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
Buildings:						
Sr. Center *	2002	4.50	450,000.00	55,000.00	395,000.00	50,000.00
		*reissued in '11				
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	580,000.00	65,000.00	515,000.00	60,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	4,298,800.00	452,100.00	3,846,700.00	465,800.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	290,000.00	25,000.00	265,000.00	25,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	345,000.00	30,000.00	315,000.00	30,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	730,000.00	65,000.00	665,000.00	65,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,420,063.00	81,292.00	1,338,771.00	83,204.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,975,797.01	170,169.27	2,805,627.74	174,174.28
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	290,000.00	30,000.00	260,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer**	2008	2.00	1,579,174.00	169,089.20	1,410,084.80	70,343.38
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	0.00	0.00	518,186.00	21,284.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	0.00	0.00	18,963.00	946.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008		295,000.00	30,000.00	265,000.00	25,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		915,000.00	80,000.00	835,000.00	75,000.00
			36,638,834.01	3,697,650.47	33,478,332.54	3,430,751.66

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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2010	$	9,478,059.20	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$	56,608,602.26
RECEIPTS	$	57,796,339.91	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2011	$	10,665,796.85
	$	67,274,399.11		$	67,274,399.11

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 28,663.59

		TRUST FUNDS		AND		SPECIAL ACCOUNTS				
ACCOUNT		BALANCE 6/30/2010		DEPOSITS		INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		TRANSFERS&W/D		BALANCE 6/30/2011
SCHOOL FUNDS										
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$	21,035.72			$	117.59			$	21,192.13
GEORGE LONGLEY	$	7,089.18			$	52.70			$	7,141.88
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$	1,219.83	$	609.35	$	2.98	$	(711.00)	$	1,121.16
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$	100,186.98			$	675.45	$	(5,000.00)	$	95,862.43
RICHARD PAZASSIS SCHOLARSHIP	$	3,105.77			$	9.19	$	(1,000.00)	$	2,114.96
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$	-	$	1,350.00	$	7.54	$	(1,250.00)	$	107.54
CEMETERY FUNDS										
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$	1,613.90			$	12.01			$	1,625.91
WILLARD STEBBINS	$	3,777.84			$	28.09			$	3,805.93
VIANNA SOMES	$	2,891.67			$	21.53			$	2,913.20
NELLIE BROWN	$	3,744.37			$	23.59	$	(209.58)	$	3,558.38
PERPETUAL CARE	$	171,996.29	$	1,850.00	$	659.07	$	(2,800.00)	$	171,705.36
POOR FUNDS										
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$	721,847.38			$	10,384.06	$	(16,326.68)	$	715,904.76
WHITING STREET	$	59,943.05			$	445.74			$	60,388.79
MISC FUNDS										
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$	5,875.46			$	43.67			$	5,919.13
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$	5,971.05			$	44.40			$	6,015.45
CONSERVATION	$	850.60			$	6.32			$	856.92
SENIOR CENTER	$	62,602.11	$	1,620.00	$	341.57	$	(6,050.00)	$	58,513.68
PENSION RESERVE	$	29,551.75			$	90.25			$	29,642.00
STABILIZATION FUND	$	1,129,485.46	$	313,000.00	$	15,690.77			$	1,458,176.23
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$	119,414.30			$	(896.11)			$	118,518.19
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$	1,166.06	$	22,301.74	$	437.36	$	(1,785.00)	$	22,120.16
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$	6,285.00	$	4,678.55	$	26.46	$	(4,978.00)	$	6,012.01
250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	$	-	$	15,781.52	$	11.07	$	(13,385.02)	$	2,407.57
TOTALS	$	2,459,653.77	$	361,191.16	$	28,235.30	$	(40,110.26)	$	2,795,623.77

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FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2010- JUNE 30, 2011

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED		AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#979 SEWER CONSTR- JACKSON/HOWARD ST	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	5/27/2011	$	80,000.00	5/25/2012	0.95%
#980 GRANT ANTICIPATION-HOLLAND GLEN	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS	6/24/2011	$	500,000.00	8/23/2011	0.90%
#981-CPA TOWN HALL WINDOWS	GREENFIELD CO-OP BANK	6/24/2011	$	250,000.00	6/22/2012	0.99%
REFUNDING OF DEBT-HIGH SCHOOL/SR CTR	NEGOTIATED RBC CAPITAL	9/23/2010	$	14,750,000.00	1/15/2022	2.59%
LOAN- SEWER CONSTR-HOWARD ST	MASS WATER POLL ABTMNT TR	7/8/2010	$	518,186.00	7/15/2030	2.00%

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PRIOR YEARS REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 12,947.74
ABATED	$ 12,947.74	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 12,947.74	$ 12,947.74

FISCAL 2009 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 26,689.34
TO TAX TITLE	$ 2,210.31	
COLLECTED	$ 24,479.03	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 26,689.34	$ 26,689.34

FISCAL 2010 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 332,867.02
REFUND		$ 0.13
TO TAX POSSESSION	$ 139.68	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 43,015.11	
COLLECTED	$ 267,049.04	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 22,663.32	
	$ 332,867.15	$ 332,867.15

FISCAL 2011 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 10,008,269.23
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,682,100.40
REFUND		$ 39,509.93
ABATED	$ 80,994.26	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 97,395.84	
TO TAX POSSESSION	$ 4,633.47	
COLLECTED	$ 20,239,647.43	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 307,208.56	
	$ 20,729,879.56	$ 20,729,879.56

FISCAL 2012 REAL ESTATE		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,406,923.50
COLLECTED	$ 33,991.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 10,372,932.14	
	$ 10,406,923.50	$ 10,406,923.50

REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2010		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 1,906.48
COMMITTED		$ 1,499.27
COLLECTED	$ 3,405.75	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 3,405.75	$ 3,405.75

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2011		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 21,100.04
COLLECTED	$ 18,351.68	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 2,748.36	
	$ 21,100.04	$ 21,100.04

2009 SEWER LIENS		
OUSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 136.46
COLLECTED	$ 136.46	
OUSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 136.46	$ 136.46

2010 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 13,154.61
COLLECTED	$ 13,154.61	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 13,154.61	$ 13,154.61

2011 SEWER LIENS		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 77,413.08
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,151.45	
COLLECTED	$ 56,381.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 19,880.27	
	$ 77,413.08	$ 77,413.08

2010 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 301,862.42
REFUND		$ 1,275.77
TO SEWER LIEN	$ 70,436.39	
COLLECTED	$ 232,701.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 303,138.19	$ 303,138.19

2011 SEWER CHARGES		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,148,885.91
REFUND		$ 1,000.00
COLLECTED	$ 787,128.12	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 362,757.79	
	$ 1,149,885.91	$ 1,149,885.91

CPA 2009		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 1.59
REFUND		$ 2.07
COLLECTED	$ 3.66	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 3.66	$ 3.66

CPA 2010		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 2,103.19
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 21.55
TO TAX TITLE	$ 297.15	
COLLECTED	$ 1,778.82	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 48.77	
	$ 2,124.74	$ 2,124.74

CPA 2011		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 91,872.03
COMMITTED		$ 96,013.12
REFUND		$ 41.32
TO TAX TITLE	$ 704.57	
TO TAX POSSESSION	$ 14.81	
ABATED	$ 1,275.53	
COLLECTED	$ 184,064.91	
OUSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 1,866.65	
	$ 187,926.47	$ 187,926.47

CPA 2012		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 95,056.31
COLLECTED	$ 605.11	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 94,451.20	
	$ 95,056.31	$ 95,056.31

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FARM ANIMAL EXC PRIOR YEARS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 1,748.38
ABATED	$ 1,579.78	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 168.60	
	$ 1,748.38	$ 1,748.38

FARM ANIMAL EXC 2009		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 290.05
COLLECTED	$ 239.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 50.80	
	$ 290.05	$ 290.05

FARM ANIMAL EXC 2010		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 2,407.31
COLLECTED	$ 2,198.46	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 208.85	
	$ 2,407.31	$ 2,407.31

PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 21,912.74
ABATED	$ 6,338.56	
COLLECTED	$ 2,766.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 12,807.82	
	$ 21,912.74	$ 21,912.74

2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 11,720.70
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 155.94
REFUNDED		$ 41.25
ABATED	$ 171.04	
COLLECTED	$ 3,129.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 8,617.65	
	$ 11,917.89	$ 11,917.89

2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 24,150.85
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 339.64
REFUNDED		$ 171.07
ABATED	$ 370.72	
COLLECTED	$ 14,729.38	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 9,561.46	
	$ 24,661.56	$ 24,661.56

2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 154,362.00
COMMITTED		$ 175,112.21
REFUND		$ 13,675.85
ABATED	$ 21,097.31	
COLLECTED	$ 299,571.67	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 22,481.08	
	$ 343,150.06	$ 343,150.06

2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,426,474.57
REFUND		$ 7,601.68
ABATED	$ 52,695.47	
COLLECTED	$ 1,193,080.21	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 188,300.57	
	$ 1,434,076.25	$ 1,434,076.25

PRIOR YEARS PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 799.24
ABATED	$ 799.24	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 799.24	$ 799.24

FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 39.47
COLLECTED	$ 5.04	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 34.43	
	$ 39.47	$ 39.47

FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 322.61
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 322.61	
	$ 322.61	$ 322.61

FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 11,605.07
COLLECTED	$ 924.33	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 10,680.74	
	$ 11,605.07	$ 11,605.07

FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 9,941.54
REFUNDED		$ 78.32
COLLECTED	$ 1,332.10	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 8,687.76	
	$ 10,019.86	$ 10,019.86

FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 185,235.70
COMMITTED		$ 205,270.37
REFUND		$ 345.65
COLLECTED	$ 378,229.98	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 12,621.74	
	$ 390,851.72	$ 390,851.72

FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 222,678.55
COLLECTED	$ 15.85	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 222,662.70	
	$ 222,678.55	$ 222,678.55

2010 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$ 172.55
COLLECTED	$ 172.55	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ -	
	$ 172.55	$ 172.55

2011 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 8,268.80
COLLECTED	$ 8,041.33	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$ 227.47	
	$ 8,268.80	$ 8,268.80

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2010 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010			$	5,109.23
COLLECTED	$	5,109.23		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$	-		
	$	5,109.23	$	5,109.23

2011 TRILAKES BETT				
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	195,030.17
TO TAX TITLE	$	703.53		
TO TAX POSSESSION	$	703.53		
COLLECTED	$	187,936.48		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$	5,686.63		
	$	195,030.17	$	195,030.17

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010		$	2,560,241.72
APPORTIONED FY11 RE	$182,411.25		
COLLECTED	$79,452.50		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$2,298,377.97		
	$2,560,241.72	$	2,560,241.72

MISCELLANEOUS REC.				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010			$	51,300.73
COMMITTED			$	33,646.69
COLLECTED	$	29,827.36		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011	$	55,120.06		
		$84,947.42	$	84,947.42

COMSTAR				
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2010			$	185,975.11
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			$	870,959.46
REFUNDED			$	464.08
ABATED	$	342,140.59		
COLLECTED	$	424,121.38		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2011	$	291,136.68		
	$	1,057,398.65	$	1,057,398.65

JULY 1, 2010- JUNE 30,2011		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	$	24,219,823.38
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	424,121.38
TOTAL	$	24,643,944.76

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES	$	23,886,119.07
INTEREST/FEES	$	146,510.66
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	$	354.35
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	$	186,839.30
AMBULANCE ACCT	$	424,121.38
TOTAL	$	24,643,944.76

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TOWN CLERK
2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	520.00	256.00	720.00	344.00	448.00	696.00	624.00	576.00	304.00	264.00	160.00	352.00	5264.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	60.00	20.00	100.00	100.00	120.00	180.00	100.00	320.00	160.00	80.00		120.00	1360.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	100.00	100.00		100.00		200.00	100.00			100.00			700.00
BURIAL PERMIT	75.00	15.00	90.00	15.00	45.00	90.00	105.00	75.00	15.00		15.00		540.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	240.00	100.00	500.00	220.00	240.00	160.00	160.00	180.00	320.00	200.00	40.00	180.00	2540.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	400.00	100.00		200.00	200.00	350.00	100.00	300.00	100.00	100.00	400.00	300.00	2550.00
DOG FINES	555.00		223.00	50.00	941.00	1876.00	1580.00	1181.00	400.00	550.00	250.00	385.00	7991.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	345.00		485.00	635.00	210.00	240.00	240.00	350.00	130.00	190.00		400.00	3225.00
DOG LICENSE	7181.00	5302.00	3948.00	3172.00	1823.00	1125.00	602.00	356.00	153.00	141.00	94.00	3028.00	26925.00
DOG GIFT FUND	170.00		661.00		46.00		10.00			792.00		99.00	1778.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			1100.00	625.00			25.00						1750.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION									50.00			25.00	75.00
HOMESTEAD FILING	40.00	50.00	50.00		10.00			20.00					170.00
PARKING CITATION													0.00
PASSPORT	625.00	275.00	325.00	300.00									1525.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE		50.00	275.00	45.00	300.00	185.00	205.00	35.00		90.00	35.00	180.00	1400.00
POLE ORDER	60.00												60.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	15.00			15.00		15.00	15.00	45.00	90.00		30.00	45.00	270.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	20.00		20.00				20.00	20.00	25.00			40.00	145.00
UCC													0.00
SPORTING LIC SALES**	878.75	189.50	466.75	735.25	251.00	489.50	274.25	66.00	24.75	61.75	44.50	121.50	3603.50
SPORTING ADM FEES	39.30	9.30	21.70	40.50	12.00	24.20	13.80	3.50	0.65	2.35	1.50	4.00	172.80
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS			25.00			40.00		25.00	25.00	25.00			140.00
MSC SALES	6.00	10.00	90.60	58.00	7.20	70.90	5.40	26.20	0.40			4.00	278.70
TOTALS	11330.05	6476.80	9101.05	6654.75	4653.20	5741.60	4179.45	3578.70	1797.80	2596.10	1070.00	5283.50	62463.00
** PAYMENTS TO:													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	878.75	189.50	466.75	735.25	251.00	489.50	274.25	66.00	24.75	61.75	44.50	121.50	3603.50
Town of Belchertown	10451.30	6287.30	8634.30	5919.50	4402.20	5252.10	3905.20	3512.70	1773.05	2534.35	1025.50	5162.00	58859.50
TOTAL	11330.05	6476.80	9101.05	6654.75	4653.20	5741.60	4179.45	3578.70	1797.80	2596.10	1070.00	5283.50	62463.00

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2011 Vital Statistics received after last year's annual report:

Births:	Place:	Male	Female
4	Springfield	2	2

Deaths:	Place:	Male	Female
4	Springfield	1	3

2011 Vital Statistics

Births:	Place	Male	Female
	Holyoke	5	2
	Northampton	18	21
	Springfield	30	33

Marriages:	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	49	52
Non-Resident	18	15

Married in Belchertown: 36
Married Out-of-Town: 31

Deaths:	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	39	44
Non-Resident	0	0

Place of Death:

Amherst	3	Holyoke	6
Belchertown	33	Northampton	5
Boston	2	Palmer	5
Chicopee	1	South Hadley	3
East Longmeadow	1	Springfield	7
Hadley	3	Ware	5
Hampden	1	Westfield	1
Hatfield	1	Wilbraham	3
		Worcester	3

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2011 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham. Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department and Sally Dodge is the town-appointed representative.

The ADA Committee meets throughout the year as necessary and responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Belchertown is one of 148 towns in the State that has an Agricultural Commission. Ours was voted into existence in 2005. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources strongly encourages Agricultural Commissions and relies on their suggestions and insight of what farmers are experiencing, quite literally, at the "grass roots level". There are opportunities to share this information at annual conferences.

In keeping with our mission of supporting and encouraging farming. we held a Poultry Workshop in February. Our local 4-H members demonstrated the care and feeding of chickens. In April, we teamed up with the Kestrel Land Trust in presenting an Estate Planning Workshop for Land Owners. This was designed to give land owners planning tools to ensure that land will be available for future farmers.

This year we assisted the local Plant Swap Group in securing a new location at the Swift River Elementary Pavilion. At the request of our farmers. we brought to the May Town meeting a ballot question to eliminate the excise tax on farm animals and farm machinery. The vote passed. Although the amount of tax forgone was very small, the passage was a nice show of support for our farmers.

Again this year we hosted our January Farmers Meeting and the Summer Antique Tractor Show. We also updated our Farmers Guide which now boasts 32 listings.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chairman
William Shattuck. Co-chairman

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

ACAB is comprised of a group of members who have a wealth of knowledge and experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including a kennel owner. horse breeder, animal rescuer and a member with a service dog. In addition, ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer Anna Fenton.

ACAB had its introductory meeting on February 10, 2011. Since its induction. ACAB has decided on four (4) complaints comprised of the following violations: two (2) vicious dog/running-at-large complaints; two (2) excessive barking complaints. All four of these hearings were held late in the year between October and December 2011, and to date some are pending resolution for various reasons.

ACAB has gone through some growing pains over the last year with changes in membership; however, we look forward to a successful 2012 where we can consistently make a difference by ensuring the pets of Belchertown following the bylaws and remain safe and happy.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Beveleri
Sonya Hawkins
Nicole Miner. Secretary
Audrey Safford
Irene Spring
Carol Wagner
John Wellman

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

413-519-1754

Belchertown Animal Control has had a very busy year. We treated several stray/abandoned dogs for health issues and were able to place them in forever homes along with the many other healthy strays that were picked up. We reunited many dogs with their owners and made them aware of the by-laws. We were able to treat an injured cat that was picked up and found to be pregnant. Fortunately we were able to place her and all five of her kittens in loving homes.

We continue to offer a rabies vaccine/microchip clinic to local residents to help in the prevention of the spread of the rabies virus. We urge residents to get their pets, both cats and dogs, micro-chipped and to register their microchips as this is the best way to reunite pets with their families.

We joined with Dakin Pioneer Valley Human Society in getting the word out about their free spay/neuter clinic for all Belchertown cats. Belchertown is one of the three local communities that have the highest turnover rate to Dakin for unwanted cats.

A local Girl Scout Troop used the Pound as a tool to earn one of their badges. They painted and rearranged the Pound to make it more comfy and engaging. They also did a fundraiser to create a fenced in play area of the dogs that stay with us.

The local 4-H dog group took the time to visit and create toys for both the dogs that are at the Pound and our two pound cats who help keep the mouse population down.

We have created a Facebook page where we can communicate with the public about pound issues and news. We are also able to post residents lost animals on our page to help in finding them.

The employees of Animal Control would like to thank all the generous residents of Belchertown who have taken the time to donate items to the Pound. Without their support we couldn't do some of the things we do!!

Last but not least we have added an additional part-time position so we now have four employees in Animal Control serving our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton, Animal Control Officer

250th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

After nearly two years of planning, the 250th Anniversary Committee coordinated a series of community events in 2011 to celebrate the anniversary of Belchertown's incorporation on June 30, 1761.

The yearlong celebration kicked off on December 31, 2010 with "Celebrate Belchertown" held on and around the town common. Several town organizations sponsored events that were held at venues around the town common for this very well attended New Year's Eve kick-off. Among the activities offered were Family Bingo, party hat making, a magic show, martial arts demonstration, horse-drawn wagon rides, a display by local photographer Les Campbell and friends, Karaoke, and live music. Those who stayed until midnight rang in the 250th anniversary year with bells and good cheer as the town's church bells rang simultaneously.

The next event was the Anniversary Ball on April 2, 2011, held in the elegantly transformed gymnasium at Belchertown High School. In keeping with the spirit of the 200th ball held in the ballroom at the State School in 1961, guests were encouraged to wear period-style attire to this formal affair. Ball guests enjoyed music by the Heritage Pops band and DJ Steve Henn. The delicious meal was catered by Belchertown's VFW Post #8428, followed by a 250th Anniversary cake from Kristina's Kafe & Bakery for dessert. Formal photography was also offered that evening.

The Anniversary Day Picnic was held on the town common on July 2, 2011—a beautiful, sunny Saturday closest to the actual June 30 incorporation date. This well-attended community potluck picnic was held in conjunction with BelchertownCAN's Showcase Belchertown, which featured local vendors from the community. Picnic-goers could reserve picnic tables under the big tent in advance, or just bring chairs or a blanket for the day.

The event featured a quilt show in Lawrence Memorial Hall: an antique car and tractor show on the common, wagon rides with Blue Star Equi-Culture; and the appearance of the Historical Association's Concord Coach. Picnic guests were treated to live music by The Connotations, Cottonwood, A Beautiful Future/Caribbean Party, the Belchertown Community Band, and performances by the Belchertown Congregational Church and Hope United Methodist Church choirs on the town common. There was also free Friendly's ice cream for everyone. Children were treated to games, face painting, a magic show, and pony rides. State Representatives Petrolati and Kulik and State Senators Candaras and Rosenberg were in attendance to present the town with an official framed copy of the June 30, 1761 Articles of Incorporation. Congressman John Olver also presented the town with a congressional citation in honor of the anniversary. The Anniversary Day Picnic also featured a reprisal of the Bushey Boys Beard Growing Contest which was overseen by Station 5 Salon. In addition, the 200th Anniversary Queen of the Ball Martha Mathras made a special appearance.

The Fair Committee did a wonderful job incorporating the 250th theme into Belchertown's biggest event of the year. The theme of the 2011 Fair in September was "Celebrate Belchertown" and members of the 250th Committee were present in Saturday's parade and rode along with members of the Historical Association in the Concord Coach. The exhibit won two awards (including the Judge's Choice Award)—such a proud moment!

Many members of the committee also played roles in the Belchertown Congregational Church's fall production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. The play was held in honor of the town's 250th Anniversary.

Throughout the year. the committee continued to sell the 250th commemorative items that were ordered in 2010 and which served as the primary fundraiser for the 250th events. Pocket watches, men's and women's watches, umbrellas, gold coins, and lapel pins as well as the book, "Mysteries of Belchertown's History" by Cliff McCarthy were on sale at every event and continue to be available in the Town Clerk's Office, room 201 in the Town Hall. Please call 323-0281 for more information.

The 250th Anniversary Committee is very grateful for the community's input, support, and enthusiasm. From the Cultural Council to the Fair Committee, and to all of our donors and volunteers--thank you for your time and your resources! You helped to make the task of planning a community celebration even better. Our goal was to mark the 250th in the very best way possible and to share with everyone the pride that we have in our town. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Filipkowski, Member
250th Anniversary Committee

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

At the Town Election in May 2011, Thomas Barry was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. William Huber and Sam Joyal remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budget outlooks remain bleak, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY11 budget included:

- FY11 Total Taxable Value: 1,351,874,466
- Town Meeting Appropriations: $44,609,805
- Estimated Receipts/State Aid: $23.452,970
- Tax Levy: $21,156,835
- Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions: $21,178,191
- FY11 New Growth: $251,829
- FY11 Tax Rate: $15.65

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans. elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

The town took advantage of a MASSGIS grant that enabled Cartographic Associates to upgrade our Assessors maps. By utilizing modern technology the accuracy of the maps will be enhanced. The voters at the Annual Town Meeting approved a referendum to have the Assessors stop assessing farm animal excise.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate for fiscal 2011. Although the real estate market in Belchertown remains relatively healthy, the town has not escaped the statewide trend of lower market values. After careful analysis of the town's market sales, the average assessment for single-family homes was reduced by approximately 2%. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being assessed fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
William Huber, Chairman
Samuel Joyal
Thomas Barry

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (Channel 20 is dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
EDIC
Board of Health
The Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meetings
(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, School Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts
Most CHCS Band Concerts
The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
BHS Boys' Basketball Games
BHS Girls' Basketball Games
BHS Home Football Games
(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess…)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade and Fireworks

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
Memorial Day Ceremonies
Belchertown Sting Rays Swim Team
(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Dwight Chapel
Hope United Methodist Church
Grace Community
Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who manages all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, and her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden the user with information continue to meet high standards for our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has been an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Mindy and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Dave Barnett
Mary Ann Brennen
Keith Bettencourt
Louise Christ
Ray Fontaine
Audrey LePage
Shawn Lindholm
Ron Pobieglo
Pat Barry
Savannah Beck
Judy Bettencourt
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Norm Loftus
Shannon Materka
Mike Seward

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers, BCTV

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Clapp Memorial Library strives to provide Belchertown with a welcoming and lively center for lifelong learning, personal enrichment and community interaction. In FY 2011, the library recorded over 109,000 visits, and circulated 117,733 items. An additional 19,125 items were borrowed for our patrons from other libraries, utilizing our fast and efficient statewide interlibrary loan system. 8,377 Belchertown residents are library cardholders.

Programming is an important aspect of our service to the community, with total attendance of 7,750 at 305 different programs offered throughout the year. Adults visited the library to attend an evening movie program, join a daytime or evening book discussion group, participate in Tuesday Trivia fun, cool out with a seven-week meditation class, learn about mushrooms, listen to a local veteran discuss his frontline war experiences, and learn about the college application process. Nearly 300 adults participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, reading for fun and for prizes.

Program offerings for children were outstanding, with a Summer Reading Program that kept 521 children involved in reading over the summer, earning "hay points" for each hour read. The program raised $500 (contributed by the Friends of the Library) to provide a sizeable hay donation used to feed rescue horses at Blue Star Equiculture farm. Summer programming also included a weekly Lego program, a flea circus performance, an interactive drumming program, a didgeridoo performance, the "Getting Ready for Kindergarten" story time, and a "Martha Speaks" program offered in partnership with WGBY. The always popular Junior Volunteers program gave 35 young adults valuable experience helping out at the library over the summer, while a new afterschool program called the Clapp Club was instituted, to great acclaim. Approximately forty 1st – 4th graders were chosen by lottery to attend one of two sessions offered weekly. School buses transported children from school to the library, where they enjoyed a mix of fun, games, healthy snacks, and reading activities.

The library continues to welcome all kindergarten classes for bi-weekly visits. These lively groups come to hear a story, choose a book, and enjoy the overall library experience. Four different weekly story hours are offered to children from age 3 months up to 5 years. Demand exceeds capacity, as these popular programs consistently have waiting lists. Five book discussion groups are offered, including a mother-daughter group, a parent-son group, and a group for grades 7-10. The Fun First Fridays program entertained youngsters and their caregivers with a monthly selection of stories, songs and movies. "PAWS to Read" gives children an opportunity to practice their skills by reading to certified therapy dogs. These regular programs are complemented by special events throughout the year including movie screenings, storytellers, musical performances and so much more.

On the technology front, the library provides cardholders with free access to the internet, as well as free wifi inside and outside the building. During FY2011, 6,760 sessions were logged on our public access computers. Our membership in the C/WMARS resource sharing network gives our community the opportunity to enjoy a selection of 2,460 free downloadable audio books and 4,318 downloadable ebooks. New this year is access to Kindle-compatible ebooks and Nook e-readers will soon be available for checkout from the Clapp. Tumblebooks, accessed through a link on our website, offers an online library of 200 downloadable children's picture books, and also features educational games and puzzles to enhance the reading experience.

Later this year, the library will be changing to a new open source software program called Evergreen that will handle circulation and cataloging functions for our collection of 19,331 books, 5,060 video recordings, and 2,324 audio books. Evergreen will offer a new look for our online catalog, as well as a more user-friendly interface. Staff has been preparing for the change for a number of months, devoting time to training sessions and collection maintenance tasks in preparation for the transition.

The library has established a popular and growing collection of music cds, and also offers cardholders the opportunity to enjoy a museum visit by borrowing one of our museum passes. The passes provide free or reduced admission to the Springfield Museums, the Holyoke Children's Museum, the U.S.S. Constitution Museum in Boston, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Basketball Hall of Fame, the Mystic Aquarium, the Massachusetts State Parks, MassMOCA, and the Smith College Museum of Art. Check one out! The library truly offers something for everyone, with a varied selection of large print books, local newspapers as well as the Sunday New York Times and the daily Boston Globe, an extensive local history collection, literary fiction as well as the latest bestsellers, titles to delight every age and reading ability, and fun and educational themed multimedia kits for preschoolers. We also offer public copier and fax services. The library is happy to arrange home delivery of library materials to housebound residents of Belchertown. Residents are encouraged to call the library for more information.

The Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library continue to provide us with essential support, funding nearly all of our programs, equipment and technology, and other special needs that cannot be accommodated by our budget. We are eternally grateful for the extensive investment of time and energy that goes into their fundraising efforts and appreciate their willingness to step up to the plate to help out in a myriad of ways. Their biannual book sales are a marvel of hard work and organization and are not to be missed. They are. indeed, true friends.

Change is always in the air. The library community bid farewell to Owen Maloney, who retired after 22 years of service as Director of the Clapp Memorial Library. During his tenure, he guided the library through a period of rapid change, as the program of service expanded greatly. He also managed a number of significant building-related projects, leaving an indelible stamp on the institution. The library community thanks him for his many years of service. Sheila McCormick joined the library as its new Director in September 2011.

After 24 years as a Library Trustee, eight of those as Trustee Chair, Steve Lanphear resigned from the board. Steve was a key player in the effort to improve and expand the library building, generously devoting countless hours of time and energy to the goal of sustaining and improving library service to the community. His knowledge. experience and humor will be greatly missed. but we gratefully thank him for his years of invaluable service. We also thank Greg Galanek for a decade of service as a Trustee, during which time he was also Treasurer for the Board, contributing invaluable skills and expertise.

When the devastating late October snowstorm hit Belchertown, the Library was able to provide snacks and hot drinks, as well as extended hours to those seeking warmth, light and computer access. The Clapp Memorial Library is, indeed, a true community center. Where else can you go on a Friday evening in Belchertown, borrow a movie and a book for the weekend. meet your friends and neighbors. chat, read the newspaper, browse through a magazine, contemplate a glorious stained glass window, use the internet, scan our community bulletin board, and check out a museum pass for the next day? Please come in and check out what the library has to offer. Getting a library card is easy. and the exceptional staff will greet you with a smile and do their best to make sure you don't leave empty handed.

Respectfully submitted.

Sheila McCormick
Library Director

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

2011 saw many changes in the Computing Department for Belchertown. The School District split their IT department from the town department resulting in a manageable workload and a smaller staff. This will allow the Computing Department to better serve other town staff and be more focused on finding efficiencies and innovations to save money and time.

This year we were able to virtualize the final few physical servers resulting in a decrease in energy use. We were able to weather a few storms and were given the opportunity to discover some weaknesses in our business continuity and disaster recovery plans and have some new things to focus on in the upcoming year.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful sixth year. the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation in May 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories plus recreation.

Under the CPA the state matches funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge that averages approximately $35 per household for the year. This year the state provided a 26% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2011 was $239.898.69 and the state match was $49.991.00. However since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions.

The 2011 Annual Town Meeting approved CPA projects expected to cost approximately $1.291.253. However because of other cost shares. these projects only required an appropriation of $317,400 in CPA funding.

Projects funded by the 2011 Town Meeting included:

- ADA picnic tables at Lake Wallace
- Library improvements
- Jessica's Boundless Playground
- South Cemetery gravestone rehabilitation
- Holland Glenn open space acquisition

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle. Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Betsy Loughran. Clerk
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires
Edwina Cruise
Tracey Thompson
Ken Elstein

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 46 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 19 of these were Requests for Determination. 17 were Notices of Intent. four were for permit extensions, two for amended Order of Conditions and one was withdrawn. The Commission issued three Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety and four Enforcement Orders. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits. site plan reviews. subdivision applications. ANR plans, and Chapter 61. 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition. the

Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2011, there were 21 applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission has also been working with the new owners of the Cold Spring Golf Course to assist them with the project's resurrection. The anticipated opening is estimated around spring, 2012.

The Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Conservation Commissioner Chair Robert Rizzo, after providing over 20 of service on the Conservation Commission, including 13 years as chairman. At the 2011 annual town meeting, Mr. Rizzo was awarded the citizen of the year award for 2010 from the Belchertown Selectmen.

It has been a banner year for land protection in Belchertown! The town has protected an additional 640 acres of open space. The town purchased 290 acres of the Holland Glen Forest with the assistance of a $500,000.00 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Land Acquisition Grant. This 290 acre property, located to the north of Rte 9 in Belchertown, contains wildlife habitat and connectivity between the Mt. Holyoke Range State Park and the Quabbin Reservoir, the upper waterfalls of Holland Glen and a portion of the New England National Trail. The conservation goal for this property is to protect a large tract of contiguous forestland as a Conservation Area. The Intermittent Streams located on this property flow directly into the Lawrence Swamp Aquifer, which supplies drinking water to Amherst and Belchertown. These communities are connected by water and this project is consistent with the goals of the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative by helping to protect a critical watershed, protecting forest-land for endangered species and sharing the responsibility for watershed protection and forest management. A trail hike was held in June to showcase this property. In addition, the 340 acres of the Ingate Farm property, located on Bay Rd. has now become a part of the Massachusetts Mt. Holyoke State Forest. This property contains a major wildlife corridor connecting this state forest to the Quabbin Reservoir.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. Both the Topping Farm Conservation Area and the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area fields were mowed and additional signage was posted. The Friends of Scarborough Brook

Conservation Area, (SBCA), working with the Conservation Commission and a botanist from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species program, are conducting management activities for the protection of endangered plants located on this property. Beavers have been busy at the SBCA Conservation Area and an eagle-scout project will be conducted to wrap larger trees around the pond with wire for their protection. The Wentworth Conservation Area trail has been cleared, re-blazed and a picnic table has been placed at a scenic location on the trail. This work was done as an Eagle Scout project sponsored by Troop #57, managed by Mark Lamontage. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Commission hired Michele Nowak in September to assist with office duties. The conservation office is in the process of reorganizing our files and updating our maps. The office staff has also begun the update to the 1998 – 2012 Open Space Plan, which will continue to qualify Belchertown for many state grants.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2012-2013 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted

David Haines, Chairman
Linda LeDuc, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Polly Prunuske, Associate commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
And
Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

COUNCIL ON AGING/ SENIOR CENTER

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include Esther Pierce, Chairperson, Pat Kleeberg, Vice Chair, Erica Morrison, Tom Soja, Maura Guzik, Sandy Farron and Lois Dorn. There are also two associate members. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few Centers in the state to have two staff members trained as SHINE insurance counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is still a pressing matter. During the past year, the PVTA discontinued the Ware Shuttle and beginning in September, the Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to WalMart and Big Y for seniors. During FY11, our handicapped accessible vans transported 267 different seniors on over 9000 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center submitted another successful mobility assistance grant to obtain a new 14-passenger vehicle costing $58,000 from the Executive Office of Transportation. This vehicle will be put into service in February of 2012 at no cost to the town. It will replace a 9 passenger van with over 160,000 miles. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1500 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of $3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over $25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches. as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY11 period. 426 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 11.000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 28.000 meals to 140 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Frozen weekend meals are also available. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding. grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations. state home care reimbursements. USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program. which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Fourteen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 11.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. The Director is continuing to work with several organizations including Wing Hospital and the University of Massachusetts on new programs and to make all Mental Health Services more accessible.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program. which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items. laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class. monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups. WII bowling and other virtual exercise classes. and three different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred fifty four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga and Tai Chi continue to be very popular. In addition. we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure. blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs. many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations. and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS. and Fire Departments in finding your home. This past July a Health & Safety Fair was held at the High School and another is planned for this year.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY11. Over 16.000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least $150.000. Our Fundraising group. the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees. and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. We now have over 2800 seniors over the age of 60 and1000 seniors in the 60-65 year age range. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing and an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority and the need for additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2011, involving local and area artists and craftsmen. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was again $3940. to be divided among local artists.

The Council had offered as a priority the commemoration of Belchertown's 250th Anniversary of Incorporation and working with other town organizations. Funds granted by the Cultural Council helped field the Fourth of July Quilt Show and historical stories at the Clapp Memorial Library. One Council member, with assistance from the Belchertown post office staff, provided a commemorative stamping at the town picnic in July. Music programs at the Council on Aging and the Family Center were supported by the Council, as well as a symphonic program at Belchertown High School, in co-operation with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. A nature program offered by the Land Trust and an art program at the Senior Center were also part of the year's offerings.

The twelve months of 2011 were chronicled in Belchertown homes by the Council's 250th Anniversary Calendar, and we thank Easthampton Savings Bank for help in launching that project.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. Our thanks to those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Matt Grillo, Linda Cunningham, Lew Holzman, Bruce Klockars, Claudia Bermudez, and Jennifer Whitehead.

For the Council,
Sharon Marean

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

In the summer of 2010 Weston Solutions Corporation approached BEDIC about the development of the State School Property. A Letter of Interest was signed in September giving the Company 90 days to review the property and to determine the feasibility of a multi-use development. BEDIC hired the Vann Group to perform an independent due diligence on Weston Solutions. The Vann Group reported that Weston Solutions has the capability to bring a project of this magnitude to fruition. Weston presented a preliminary plan indicated the project would be built out in phases and that they have the expertise and manpower to remediate the environmental issues associated with the property. If the Company decides to proceed with the project BEDIC will remain a partner with Weston Solutions to assure the property is developed as envisioned by the Town.

During FY12 BEDIC continued working toward a purchase and sale agreement with Weston Solutions Corporation. In this process BEDIC has worked closely with our Legislators to work out indemnification and 30B issues to bring the purchase and sale of Pad 1 on Parcel B to fruition. BEDIC's counsel has also been working diligently with DCAM to prepare language regarding indemnification that will be acceptable to all parties. BEDIC teamed up with the Town Selectmen and Finance Committee to define the proper way to obtain bonding for the infrastructure needed for Pad 1. The Finance Committee approved a $15,000 expenditure to engage RKG to prepare a DIF application. The preparation of a DIF application is very complex and requires the expertise of a company like RKG. The company completed the project as expected. The end of the calendar year has been productive as Weston Solutions is encouraged by progress made by BEDIC with DCAM in regards to 30B and indemnification. An Assisted Living facility remains interested in the parcel that Weston Solutions will remediate and develop. They have also been actively seeking other end users. The activities of FY11 have remained in step with the mission of BEDIC to develop the State School property and bring jobs to our community.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel
Juanita Holler, FAIA
Ken Dorey
Bob Rivard
Beth Maroney, Treasurer

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 2011 Belchertown along with surrounding communities were put to the test from the inclemency of Mother Nature. The town provided support to our neighbors during the June 1st tornado and again during Hurricane Irene.

Belchertown's Emergency Management Team performed steadfast, unified and professional during the October 29th snowstorm, which crippled our town with road closures, countless downed trees, and without an electrical power grid for most families, up to six days, and others powerless for eight straight days.

Belchertown, being one of the hardest weather impacted towns from this snow event, even gained the attention, and attendance of Governor Patrick to view the devastation.

The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was reviewed along with emergency shelter locations with Red Cross.

The department continues to assist with monetary support of the towns CTY instant notification system, which has been successfully utilized for general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

Committee members maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts

Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Belchertown continues to stand ready for future incidents including but not limited to natural or manmade disasters, weather related emergencies, and hazardous substances.

Your town officials have proven to be dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Energy Committee was established in 2009 for the purpose of developing and recommending sound energy policies for the Town. The Committee's Mission Statement includes the promotion and development of local energy education programs, the development and administration of programs relating to energy conservation and increased energy efficiency, and the development of alternative energy resources.

In 2011 the following was completed by the Energy Committee:

The Committee worked with the Center of Ecological Technology to raise Town residents awareness of energy related programs available from Mass Save, such as no cost home energy assessments, free air sealing and reduced cost home insulation.

The Committee assisted the Planning Board in the development of bylaws pertaining to commercial solar installations.

The Committee acted in an advisory capacity as related to the Siemen's performance contract entered into by the Town. The contract allowed for much needed infrastructure improvements to be completed as well energy reduction projects.

The Committee meets at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Members
Jeffrey Davis, Chairman
Cindy Janke, Vice Chairman
Gordon Boyce
Judith Fuller Gillan
Frank Lomanno
Alan Weiss

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown celebrate its 154th annual fair on its 250th birthday. The theme was Celebrate Belchertown's 250th Anniversary and allowed fairgoers to have the opportunity to celebrate the town's birthday.

With warm and wet weather forecasted for the weekend, Thursday night fireworks were held at Chestnut Hill School. In celebrating the 250th Anniversary, we decided to increase the size of the fireworks display; what a fantastic way to start the opening of the fair weekend.

Even with the weather being wet on Friday, it didn't stop people from coming. Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusements Company. On the other end of the common, the giant pumpkins were being weighed in. First Place was David Wancayk with a 338-pound pumpkin. Kids' night out was a big hit again this year, sponsored by the Dwight Chapel (aka Christ Community Church).

Saturday morning, with a chance of showers predicted, people lined Main Street for the parade. With the parade being larger and better and the chance to see the Budweiser Clydesdales, the street was full of happy faces. Marchers in the parade included amateur units Girls and Boy Scouts and the Belchertown Twirlers. Professional units included the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and American Legion Color Guard. The judge's award for Best Presentation of Theme went to the Belchertown Historical Association.

Other awards include:

- 1st place Float: Swift River Preservation Association
- 1st place Band: Belchertown High School
- 1st place Antique Car: F.L. Koziol
- 1st place Antique Truck: Steven Boyko
- 1st Place Tractor: James Beachell
- 1st Place Apparatus: Belchertown Fire Dept Mary Jane
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest: Jillian Alexander
- Helen Papp Award: Janice Howland
- People's Choice and Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Linda Pepin
- Glenn Butler Award: Colleen Butler
- Fair Cake (adult): Mary Alice Austin (youth): Hannah Horak

Also occurring were two favorite events: horse and oxen pulls. The winners for horse pulls:

- 3300 pounds and under: Brad Hurlburt with 16,000lbs
- 3300 pounds and over: Brad Hurlbert with 16,000lbs

The winners for the oxen pulls were:

- 2400 pounds and under: Mike Audette with 7,500lbs
- 2800 pounds and over: Mike Audette with 8,500lbs
- 3200 pounds and under: Mike Audette with 9,000lbs
- Free Class over 3200 pounds: Mike Audette with 15,000lbs.

All in all, we had another great weekend for the fair. Hats off to all of the committee members and volunteers, who have spent countless hours to make the fair possible.

The Fair Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectman, Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. To all of our 2011 sponsors: thank you for your support.

We are always looking for new ideas and new people to help with the year-round commitment the fair entails. Interested individuals wanting to help please step forward: we would love to have your input. Let's make this tradition continue to get better each year.

Hope to see you all at the 155th Belchertown Fair!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

FAMILY CENTER COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Family Center is a fun place for families with children up to age six to drop in during three mornings per week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. We offer a spacious indoor and outdoor environment that is safe and interactive for young children to play and socialize at various developmental areas including reading, arts & crafts, pretend play, construction, gross motor skills room, snack room, large fenced in backyard with playground and sandbox.

Depending on available funds, the Center schedules themed activities and field trips throughout the year, as well as intergenerational activities in cooperation with the Belchertown Senior Center.

The Center operates on a utility budget from the town, a grant from the Collaborative for Educational Services, donations collected during the drop-in sessions, and fundraising events.

Sincerely,

Claudia Bermudez, Member
Family Center Committee

BELCHERTOWN FIRE – RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's fire and emergency medical ambulance service which has been reorganized by ongoing efforts of both departments' staff, the office of the Town Administrator, and ongoing support from our Selectmen.

The Commonwealth has recognized our change-in-name, and has issued new operating licenses for the town's ambulance service.

The combining of the two departments has been challenging with learning curves for all staff, however we continue to work through tasks and move forward providing a public safety service residents can be proud of. All in all, it has been very positive, and a rewarding experience.

The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection to our community, and our Emergency Medical Services is busy providing 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of fifteen full-time staff, four part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

With the addition of four full-time staff provided in part from subsidized funding from a department of homeland security grant, we have reduced the towns' request for outside medical aid into town by thirty-three percent. Overall, requests for medical assistance requiring an ambulance has increased by one and a half percent.

It has been another very challenging year with the economy and level funding of the budgets to maintain the level of the service we have provided in previous years, and continue to provide in future years, however we continue to be committed in providing the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

Overall there was a thirty-three percent increase in annual fire call volume in 2011; this is due to the unusual snowstorm of October 29, which put all town services to the test. I am proud to say the department responded professionally and diligently throughout the historic event. Sadly there were several major home fires this past year with considerable monetary and personal property loss to the occupants.

In closing I would like to thank the firefighters and paramedics of the department, for their continued support and dedication to duty. In addition I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without their support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional personnel take an active interest in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2011	
Structure Fires	18
Ambulance Responses	1103
Vehicle Fires	03
Vehicle Extrication	0
Wildland Fires	38
CO Alarms	39
Hazardous Spills	39
Faulty Appliance	12
Sounding Alarms	107
Investigations	156
Mutual Aid	05
Total	*1520*

Inspections and Permits	
Open Burning	605
Smoke Detector	171
Oil Burner	87
Propane Storage	79
Underground Tank Removal	02
Fuel Storage	04
Blasting	02
Total	*950*

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

The Hampshire Council of Governments (The Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The total budget for FY 2011 was $7.856 million. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2011 were $27,904. The remaining budget is funded by our programs and services and specific Federal Grants. The Council receives no aid from the Commonwealth and exists to save taxpayer money by employing regional solutions and the power of bulk purchasing for a variety of goods and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved several key goals in 2011.

- Zero percent increase in health insurance premiums for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided almost 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than $3.2 million.
- Town of Hadley rejoined Council membership.
- Completion of Courthouse building evaluation for future renovations, repairs, and preservation.
- Sustainability Department created.
- Reorganization of Regional Services and Planning and addition of a new Director.
- Hired Marketing and Branding Consultant to create new rebrand organization and create a revised web page.
- Strategic Plan revised and expanded.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Aggregation
- Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping service
- Historic records moved to UMass Archives.

Administration

In January 2011 the Councilors hired a new Executive Director to reinvigorate the Council, to create new programs and services, complete a strategic plan, and increase revenue. The focus of the Executive Director has been membership benefits, how the Council functions as a governmental entity and a business, marketing, membership expansion, and encouraging support of local businesses. Staff submitted and was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to conduct a pre-development evaluation of the structural integrity and necessary restoration and repairs of the Courthouse. The result of the evaluation showed significant areas of deterioration and the Councilors were informed that the cost to restore the Courthouse would be in excess of $3.7 million. In the coming years the Council will be requesting financial support from local, state, and federal funding sources because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

Staff worked with the Executive Director to update the Council's Personnel Policies to bring the Council up to current best practices and to provide support and guidance for the philosophical shifts that are required of the organization in order to remain vibrant and financially sustainable. The Council worked with Hampshire County Selectmen to revive the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association. Staff hopes to continue this mutually beneficial support of the organization.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Town of Hadley as a returning Council member. The Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley also voted favorably to rejoining the Council July 1. 2011. For the second year in a row, the Councilors awarded two scholarships to help support graduating high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement and maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Electricity

Fiscal Year 2011 was a pivotal year for the Council's Electricity Department. With the increasing number of customers and load. the Council contracted with Energy New England for purchasing services. This technical expertise was sought in order to decrease risk in purchasing energy from the spot market and decrease the ancillary charges associated with market purchases. This proved to be a timely and wise decision due to increases in certain market related charges. The department increased its staff with the appointment of a Municipal Aggregation (MA) Specialist. Explain what this is. During the year this specialist visited over thirty towns in Hampshire and Franklin Counties explaining this type of aggregation program to Boards of Selectmen. Staff also attended Town Meetings which included MA on their warrants, to educate communities about choices in purchasing electricity. The MA Plan, which was signed by twenty two towns. was sent to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in June. To increase energy purchasing services, the Council also voted to make application to the DPU for an Electricity Broker's License. This will enable the program to become even more competitive with the Fixed Price Plan.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (The Trust)

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs down through a zero percent increase. With the Trust premiums remaining flat our member towns were better able to utilize any increase in town funds to cover other expenses. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units. meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. In the Insurance Year 2011 (April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011), the collective premium for the Trust was $47M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits. The Trust insured 4,524 employees and their dependents.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During FY11, RSVP brought on 154 new volunteers bringing our total volunteer force to 675. These volunteers gave almost 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than $3.2 million. RSVP Volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- During the reporting period 20 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 57 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for 424 seniors.
- 126 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 800 elders.
- 278 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 11,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

Regional Services and Planning
The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. During FY2011 the department secured surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2011, after fees and delivery charges, totaled $8,200. Net program income from fees was $5,400.00. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on higher quality pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. The Department also incorporates the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provided building inspection and zoning enforcement services to the towns of Huntington, Goshen, Chesterfield and Middlefield, as well as backup and auxiliary service to other communities, on an as-needed basis.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, is celebrating its 30th year serving the purchasing needs of Western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. At the end of FY 11, the Program was moved to the Regional Services and Planning Department. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2011 was $6,055,849.08 with a projected savings of $716,826.27.

Wellness Initiative Program

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees. There are 65 municipal worksites, including 26 in Hampshire County, who participate the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust which provides health insurance for about 5000 subscribers and their families.

The Wellness Initiative utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. During 2011 eight (8) mini grants were awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams, five of these mini grants were awarded to worksites in Hampshire County, Belchertown School District, Gateway Regional School district in Huntington, Hampshire Council of Governments, Hampshire Regional School District in Westhampton, and South Hadley Fire District #2. These teams develop and implement the wellness programs at their worksite, using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations.

A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including "Start your day the healthy way "and Healthy Local Potlucks
- Colonoscopy Promotion – a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

Sustainability Department

In June 2011 the Hampshire Council of Governments created the position of Sustainability Director and hired Eric Weiss to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council believes in local first as the prime green development option. The Council supports local businesses, farmers, homeowners and municipalities in their ongoing efforts to develop green energy projects and reduce their carbon footprints. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable.

The HCOG sustainability program already is:

- A Massachusetts registered broker for Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS). The minimal 4% brokering fee charged for this important service will be reinvested by the "Council" locally.

- Engaged in creating a large multi-county RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in Municipalities throughout Western Massachusetts.
- Assisting Communities in their efforts to become Massachusetts designated "Green Communities' by Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER).
- Seeking to create and explore regional partnerships and grants opportunities with other Towns, institutions and organizations outside of Hampshire County to promote its sustainability goals.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership

The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke; enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, Community Partnerships serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The 5 core goals of the tobacco control program are: 1) Ensure access to safe and effective cessation resources for all Massachusetts residents; 2) Protect Massachusetts' young people from tobacco industry tactics; 3) Increase the Price of Tobacco; 4) Ensure all health care visits include a tobacco intervention; and 5) Advance a smoke free environment for all Massachusetts residents. During FY 2011, seven new youth chapters of the 84 were established at local high schools (Ware High School, Smith Vocational and Agricultural School, Northampton High School, South Hadley High School, Easthampton High and Turners Falls High School). The Ex-Smokers Hall of Fame was on display at Cooley Dickinson Hospital for the month of July and we were able to reach out to folks who were looking for a cessation program. The tobacco program has also received an additional $22,000 for the smoke free housing strategy, a project that began as a pilot in 2007. There have been new listings added to our smoke free apartment's website, smoke free housing presentations to landlords and housing authorities as well as educational visits with local legislators. An additional priority during FY 2011 was increased knowledge and awareness of OTP (Other Tobacco Products). The products themselves, placement, pricing and packaging are all geared toward youth. It is the goal of the Tobacco Free Community Partnership to inform parents, legislators, educators and other concerned adults that these products exist and the tobacco industry is targeting our youth. Presentation to schools, coalitions and legislators within Hampshire and Franklin Counties began in January and will ongoing.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit - License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2011.

Private Drinking Water Well Permits: 25 (22 New Construction, 3 Replacements)
Septic Permits: 42 (22 New Construction, 20 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications: 52 (37 New Construction, 15 Repairs)

Bakery: 2
Day Camp Permit: 1
Ecology Can Permits: 1
Food Establishment Permits: 18
Frozen Dessert License: 2
Funeral Director License: 1
Limited Food Establishment Permits: 8
Milk & Cream Licenses: 24
Mobil Food Permits: 2
Mobil Home License: 1
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces Variance Permits: 0
Piggery License: 1
Public Pool Permit: 1
Public Spa Permit: 0
Residential Kitchen Permits: 4
Retail Food Permits: 12
Septic Hauler's Permits: 12
Septic Installer's Permits: 22
Tanning Unit Permits: 4 permits/10 units
Temporary Food Permits: 38
Tobacco Retail Permits: 11

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier
Senior Clerk

Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2011

Reportable Diseases:	
Campylobacteriosis	2
Enterovirus	1
Influenza	5
Salmonellosis	1
Viral Meningitis	1
Giardiasis	1
Group A Streptococcal	1
Legionellos	2
Lyme Disease	4
Shigellosis	1
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	2

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 22 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. An additional 41 suspected cases were reported in 2011 of which 32 were for suspected Lyme Disease. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories. clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2011, The Health Department vaccinated 36 senior citizens or other town residents at risk for flu complications received a flu vaccine shot at one of the Board of Health's immunization clinics held at the Senior Center or at the Town Hall. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Amador, R.N.

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules. deer, buffalo. llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2011, I conducted inspections of 169 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

Animal Count:	
Dairy over 2	1
Dairy under 2	4
Beef over 2	155
Beef under 2	84
Steers/oxen	16
Goats over 1	14
Goats under 1	5
Sheep over 1	19
Sheep under 1	1
Pigs breeders	8
Pigs feeders	31

Animal Count:	
Lamas/Alpacas over 1	12
Horses	432
Stables open to public	4
Donkeys/Mules	9
Chickens	959
Turkeys	3
Waterfowl	85
Game birds	7
Rabbits	125
Pigeons	30

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices.

In 2011, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filled with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Cat bites	4
Dog bites	18
Red Chicken (Rooster)	1
Goat	1

Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 23

Seven animals were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing: four cats, two dogs, and one goat. All tested negative for Rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte
Animal Inspector

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2011.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	52	26	9
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	22	3	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	20	19	8
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	30	16	6
Well Application Review	25	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	54	146	0
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	0	6	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	3	0
Condemnations	0	0	0
Food Service Inspections (routine)	68	67	1
Food Service Inspections (complaint)	4	5	0

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
New or Remodeled Food Establishment Openings	2	3	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	38	25	0
Beaver Permits	6	4	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated, and Orders issued as warranted	23	60	4
Nuisance Orders Issued	8	40	1
Tanning Bed Licensure	4	4	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	0	0
Court Appearances	1	1	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	0
Meetings/Hearings	14	15	10

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 858

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2011 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2011 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Ryan Fitzemeyer, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Abby Melendy, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, the Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The local historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the District, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the District. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the Town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center Historic District.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". We issued Certificates of Applicability to the following: Susan Mahler, owner of 13 Maple Street for construction of a chimney on the west side of the house; HUM Realty Trust, owner of 29 Main Street for the replacement of a wooden shed and replacement of roof and decking over entry porch; Town of Belchertown, owner of Town Hall at 2 Jabish Street for the restoration of windows and the installation of replacement storm windows. An application from Tini-Jekejo Inc., owner of 11 North Main Street for the placement of vinyl siding was denied.

There have been no changes in the membership of this commission during 2011. There were no preservation awards presented during 2011 by the Historic District Bylaw Commission.

Since the first historic district was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Smith, Chair
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members:
Sue Fulton
Erika Hamilton
Kim Libucha
Maxine Oland, Vice Chairman
Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
F. Knowlton Utley
Melissa Wonkka
Judith Gillan, Associate Member

During the past year the Belchertown Historical Commission are in the process of applying for a grant from Massachusetts Historical Commission. This grant will be used to do additional surveys of some of the older houses in town. There were a few houses built before 1945 that were not done in the 2008 survey. So we plan to do them and to re-due those surveys that were accomplished in 1976.These will require updating. We also worked on adding history to the towns Geographic Information System GIS.

We had a request from the Massachusetts Highway Department to review the plans for installing a left turn lane from South Main Street to Maple Street. The main thing we pointed out was the mile marker. We felt it would have to be moved and it was moved straight back.

We worked on a web page. What we want to do is get the house inventory into the computer so people can go to our web sight for research. When we get the cemetery maps complete we plan to make them accessible via our web sight.

Leslie E. Squires. Chairman
Belchertown Historical Commission

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments and three DMR houses.

The elderly/disabled are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each apartment has a living room/ kitchen combination, bedroom and bath. On site parking is available and there is a laundry room located in the office/community room building. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in rent. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service.

The family housing is located at State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on second floor and half bath on first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments is determined on your net annual income. The apartments are managed by an Executive Director appointed by the Authority Board and are operated according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DMR housing is located at State Street, George Hannum Road and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum Road are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and East Walnut Street is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave. OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The office telephone number is 413-323-4064. When the office is not open an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Cohen - Executive Director
Tracey Thompson - Chair
Sally Dodge - Affirmative Action Officer
Knowlton Utley- Treasurer
Martina Robinson

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued 15 new construction-building permits for single-family residences and 4 new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2011.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1144. Permits pulled for repairs, additions and alterations totaled 315, an increase from 2010's 275 and significantly higher than 2009's 183.

The beginning of 2011 was a busy year due to severe weather situations resulting in construction work. Record snow fall early in the year resulted in some roof failures and extensive ice damage/water issues on many homes. In October Belchertown experienced a snowstorm which resulted in most of the Town's loss of electric power for approximately one week. Our department handled numerous electrical inspections due to this damage on homes. Also during the year, there were 3 homes extensively damaged due to fire. Scales and gas pumps had their annual inspections to confirm weights and measures were accurate for consumer purchase.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Bryan Varney and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

LAKES COMMITTEE

The newly formed Belchertown Lakes Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday June 14, 2011. Responsibility for this Committee is to protect public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town.

For the year 2011. the Committee met a few times, appointed officers and has begun communications with the Tri-Lakes Association. The purpose of this relationship is to addresses the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals. A 604B grant application for year 2012 will be applied for to investigate water quality issues and identify any potential stormwater runoff issues surrounding the lake regions. The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2012 and feels confident that the environment is favorable. within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland. Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith. Clerk
Andrew French
Paul Reyes

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee's documentation of town memorials was completed, less that related to the GAR Civil War monument on the Town Common into a binder. Sue Gay, a loyal, long-serving associate member of the Committee resigned. Her vacancy was not filled by year's end.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Jourdain, Chair

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Sharon Riley, Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James, and Richard Fritsch.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

- The Board met on April 13, 2011, to consider the job description of Emergency Telecommunication Dispatcher to Police and Fire Signal Operator. No action taken.
- The Board met on May 5, 2011, to consider the job description of Executive Director Senior Center, Senior Center Aid, Nutritional Coordinator and Home Delivery Driver. The ruling was Executive Director no action taken, Nutritional Coordinator grade 7. Senior Center Aid grade 3, Home Delivery Driver no action taken.
- The Board met on September 14. 2011, to consider the job description of the Pool Operator/Maintenance Position. The Ruling was to make it a grade 4.
- The Board met on December 14, 2011, to consider the step increase for the Pool Operator/Maintenance position. The ruling was to go to step 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board Members
Richard Fritsch
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Simon James
Sharon Riley

PLANNING BOARD

In 2011, the Planning Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

- Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan: The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

- The Planning Board finished a comprehensive revision of the site plan section of the zoning bylaw. This was adopted by town meeting.

- The Planning Department provided assistance to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

- The Planning Department assisted the Conservation Department in preserving the Holland Glen Forest.

- The Planning Board drafted a new section of the zoning bylaw for commercial solar photovoltaic installations in keeping with the Town's Green Community designation, adaptable business development, and several other components of the Community Plan.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Eight new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET	
Bardwell Street	2
Old Enfield Road	2
Allen Road	1
Nathanial Way	1
North Washington Street	1
Shea Avenue	1
Total Lots	8

The Planning Board monitored 16 subdivisions under construction during 2011. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market. and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

One very old subdivision, Sheffield Estates, that is still incomplete, was processed in the year. This had been abandoned. but was nearly complete. With the owner not taking responsibility, the Board voted to declare the subdivision in default and use whatever performance guarantee was available. This is now being brought through the final stages and should be presented to town meeting in 2012.

One subdivision was properly completed this year. This was Clover Hill Road. Town meeting accepted the way in May.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The Board works with developers to create a work plan in consideration of the slow economy and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:
The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan reviews:
- Clubhouse for the proposed golf course along Chauncey Walker Road.
- Maintenance building for the proposed golf course.
- An office building on North Main Street
- A diner on State Street.
- A mixed-use building on Stadler Street.
- A used car dealership on Federal Street.
- Tow lot on North Liberty Street; this plan was denied for lack of information.

Planning Projects and Recommendations
The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change. in other cases. other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen. and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Zone Changes:
The Planning Board heard three zone change petitions. One was approved by town meeting. That application was to make slight changes to the zoning on two parcels owned by the golf course under development to accommodate the evolving plans. The other was at Depot Street and was not approved. A third proposal was submitted after town meeting and is pending. This is for a vacant lot on Ware Road.

Other Work of the Planning Department:
The Planning Board's web site linked via the Town Hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations. forms. other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects. voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions. "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans. earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners. and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation. and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. developers. residents. and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department. state agencies. our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council. the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Plan Advisory Committee, and the advisory board of the Citizen Planners' Training Collaborative.

Board Membership
The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- Christopher Laurenzo. Clerk (term expires: 2012):
- Louis Faassen. Vice Chair (term expires: 2013);
- James Natle. Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2014)
- George Synan, Chair (term expires: 2015)
- Mark Andrews, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2016);

Mark Andrews was the Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits until his term began as an elected board member. The alternate is appointed annually. This position is presently vacant.

Staff: Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary: Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive and diligent to the residents of Belchertown in 2011. providing quality professional services to the Belchertown community with limited resources and budgetary restraints

Our Dispatch Center received 13,692 calls for services: we received 2328 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 259 arrests and 138 criminal complaints for a total of 829 incidents. Officers issued 1,121 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 251 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department remains proactive and continues to embrace the community policing philosophy as our department's model of policing and offers several community based-policing programs. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, DARE, Police Bike Patrol, Neighborhood Watch and the Triad Program through our local Seniors and Law Enforcement working together group (S.A.L.T) through the Belchertown Senior Center.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a full-time School Resource Officer to work within the middle and high school schools assisting staff and students, providing security and school-based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within our School District, and through this cooperation continues to keep this valuable position in place . The DARE curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels: the Police Department and the School Department endorse the Program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence.

Belchertown Police Officers continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior women so they can receive classroom credit for the Program. The RAD kids program, through the efforts of our School Department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department continue to offer this important program at the 2nd grade level with continued success. The Program will be expanded in the next year to include children in grades 3 thru 6. The RAD kids program was recognized this past year by RAD kids National Organization as the only community program in Massachusetts being offered as part of the school day curriculum, an outstanding accomplishment.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program. This program is sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our community's children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year and by appointment. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues in our community.

The Belchertown Police Department K-9 Program continues to assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residents of Belchertown safe. The specialized effort of Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog, Falco, continues to be important to the protection of our community and surrounding communities, and has been recognized through a national certification for K-9 handlers.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year appointed four Reserve Patrol Officers to our ranks. They are Officers Sean Noonan, Brian Elithorpe, Robert Mann and Luke Rennie.

The Belchertown Police Department, after a year of preparation and approval from the Belchertown Board of Selectmen, implemented the Belchertown Police Department Auxiliary Police Program which will allow prospective Police Officer candidates be appointed to our department on a volunteer basis and enter a field training program, and to assist us in times of emergency, during large special events, and eventually, if interested, fill a position as a Reserve Police Officer when openings occur. We anticipate the appointment of several interested individuals in January 2012.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year took major strides to update our website to provide the community with viable information, making the site more informative, and we have added a Facebook component. The web site is still a work in progress and is continuing to progress positively. A component of this website was a program we have initiated called Coplogic. This program is an online reporting system which will allow less severe offenses to be reported online by our citizens which will result in a reports being completed and submitted to our department. Reports will then be reviewed and a follow up investigation will be completed.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residents of Belchertown safe.

Respectively submitted,

Francis R. Fox Jr.
Chief of Police

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools: On March 1, 2011, the School Committee adopted a new five-year strategic plan. It was developed after a review of data from our MCAS test scores and the results of the interviews I conducted during my entry plan. The district's mission statement was revised to read as follows: "The mission of the Belchertown Public Schools is to ensure that every student meets with success every day. To that end, we pledge to ensure that we have rigorous, standards-based curriculum; instruction designed to meet the needs of diverse learners in every classroom; and access to the global learning community via state-of-the-art technology in schools that are communities of respect and civility for all."

The new strategic goals of the district are: (1) to have guaranteed (standards-based and implemented by all), viable (doable and accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area; (2) to have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (grounded in 21st Century skills), differentiated instructional practices with the ability to access the global learning community via technology available to every learner; and (3) to implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community. We have made great strides over the past year toward accomplishing these goals.

With regard to goal #1, we completed writing curriculum documents in the areas of English Language Arts, Foreign Language, Library/Media Education, and Technology Education. These curricula were successfully adopted by our School Committee and the work has begun to implement them. Teams of teachers in the areas of Mathematics, Music, and Science also began work on their curricula and will finish these documents in the spring of 2012.

As we worked to begin implementation of goal #2, we brought in experts in the area of differentiated instruction to work with teachers in implementing instructional strategies to meet the needs of a variety of learners in the classroom. Teachers and principals have also visited schools where these practices are in place to learn from their colleagues about how to best organize for instruction to ensure that every child meets with success in the classroom. We are using this information along with assessment data to help us chart the course we need to take to implement rigorous and relevant instruction in the classroom.

In order to meet the technology component of this goal, we realized that the school district needed to establish its own technology department rather than continue to share services with the town. As our needs have grown and continue to grow, the need for staff dedicated solely to educational technology became clear. To that end, we hired Mr. Scott Karen as Director of Technology and Mr. David DiSabito as a Network Technology Specialist. Together, Mr. Karen and Mr. DiSabito have been working to ensure that our schools' network of computers is running well enough to meet the demands of increased infusion of technology as an instructional tool and to deploy the technology we have in our buildings in such a way as to maximize its use in enhancing instruction. We are now looking forward to how to build upon the systems in place to provide the 21st century skills students need to be ready for college and career upon graduation.

In our efforts to meet goal #3, the School Committee adopted the PeaceBuilders program to increase civility and respect for all in our learning community. We have begun the implementation of this program in our schools, which consists of ten lessons to be taught during the school year and a focus on making sure the overall climate of our schools is one in which the six principles of the program flourish: (1) praise people, (2) give up put downs, (3) seek wise people, (4) notice hurts, (5) right wrongs, and (6) help others. These principles are beginning to take hold in our schools as our students have embraced these concepts and are working together with staff to make sure that civility and mutual respect are a way of life in our schools.

We welcomed two new school administrators to the district this year. Mr. Michael Lavelle was hired as the new Assistant Principal at Chestnut Hill Community School. Mr. Lavelle replaced Mr. Thomas Welch who left the district to assume a principalship in Ludlow. Mr. Lavelle was a Social Studies teacher in Ludlow at the middle school level. Mr. Robert Marchewka was hired as the Dean of Students and Athletic Director at Belchertown High School. Mr. Marchewka came to us from the Chicopee Public Schools as a teacher and coach. Both of these administrators have been great additions to our Leadership Team and we are pleased to have them as part of our staff.

All in all, 2011 was a very productive year for the Belchertown Public Schools. We also recognize that there is much to be done in reaching the goals that we have established for ourselves. but we are up for the challenge and look forward to the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judith C. Houle
Superintendent of Schools

Special Education Director's Report: During school year 2011. the department continued to monitor district compliance with all updated state and federal regulations and areas related to the 2009 coordinated program review. The department used additional funding available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) grants to provide training for special education staff in new evaluations and assessments, writing appropriate goals and objectives for student educational plans, using assistive technology in the classroom, and using data-based management systems. The developmental kindergarten classroom at Cold Spring School was restructured to provide needed full-day services to a new group of kindergarten students. The department also submitted data to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of additional requirements and continued to be found in complete compliance with all regulations governing those submissions.

The English Language Learners programs met the needs of over 25 students with services being provided in regular education classes and in classes with licensed English as a Second Language teachers. Regular education teachers throughout the district participated in professional development to help them learn to meet the needs of diverse learners in their classrooms. Seventeen teachers in the district became fully qualified as Teachers of English Immersion students.

The Title I program used the additional funds available through the ARRA grants to provide services in math and reading at grades K. 1, 2. and 3. Professional development was also provided for Title I teachers in monitoring student achievement.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Susen
Director of Special Education

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report: Cold Spring School continued to thrive during the 2011 school year. The newly formed School Council drafted its own school improvement plan designed specifically to improve instruction, learning and student achievement. This plan was presented to the school committee on May 31, 2011 by Sandra Bremer, the principal. on behalf of all the school council members. The School Committee unanimously approved and adopted the school improvement plan and was pleased to see how well it meshed with and complemented the school district's Strategic Plan. The Cold Spring School council members responsible for having drafted the plan are Mrs. Myndi Bogdonavich, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Mrs. Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration; Mrs. Elizabeth Moynihan, Teacher Representative; Mrs. Louise Butler, Teacher Representative; Mr. Jason Menard, Parent Representative; Mrs. Dawn French, Community Representative.

Cold Spring School was the fortunate recipient of many teaching and learning supplies, enrichment materials, and incidentals to enhance the instructional environment. All of this was made possible by the extraordinary and generous efforts of the Cold Spring School/Swift River Elementary School (CSSR) PTO. The 2010 – 2011 officers: Donna Tilton, Co-president; Dawn French, Co-president; Nicole Berlin, Treasurer; and Beth Knodler, Secretary; are to be commended, acknowledged and thanked for their constant support and generosity in assisting us to make Cold Spring School such a pleasant and exciting place for our youngest learners within the community. They also received an anonymous donation in the area of technology earmarked for Cold Spring School. They were given a brand new state of the art Mimio Teach system to be used and enjoyed by all students and staff. A technology upgrade for all teachers' computers along with some training, also took place.

One hundred and ninety eight kindergarteners were promoted to Swift River Elementary School in June of 2011. The teachers spent many long hours during the school year and over the summer aligning their curriculum with the new Common Core of Learning and the Massachusetts Frameworks. They received professional development training using the curriculum model "Understanding by Design" to complete this important project. Curriculum writers from each grade level including preschool and kindergarten were hired and appointed to ensure that Belchertown's curriculum will be properly aligned to the new federal and state curricula.

The 2011-2012 school year began with one hundred sixty three new kindergarteners and nineteen preschoolers. The teachers continued to focus on educating the whole child and placed special emphasis on integrating lessons to develop the students' social, emotional and physical domains. Our new generalist, Linda Fuhrmann, dedicated many hours over the summer months developing creative art, music, health and physical education lessons incorporating social and emotional goals and objectives. The former generalist, Kathryn King, has recently been appointed to be a full time regular education classroom teacher due to Deborah Beauchamp's retirement in June.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Kim Frisino-Hurst for her assistance and creativity in developing a brand new web site for Cold Spring School. She worked closely with Susan Pelletier, Cold Spring School secretary, in ensuring the web site is accurate, helpful and informative. We invite you to browse: www.belchertownps.com and click on Cold Spring School for a quick tour and hopefully a helpful reference and/or resource in the future.

Much of Cold Spring School's success is largely due to the extensive and effective Volunteer Program that is in place. There is even a Foster Grand Parent program in which each classroom has their very own foster grandparent along side of many parents and guardians who volunteer on a consistent and regular basis. So much more can be accomplished with the extra sets of eyes and hands that they provide. The children are very fortunate to have so many adults working together to provide such a rich learning environment for them.

We look forward to continued success for the remainder of this school year. We will focus on developmentally appropriate instruction and begin to implement new types of assessments that will assist us in refining our teaching strategies to increase student achievement. Our new PeaceBuilders program designed to reduce bullying and provide a safer, peaceful learning environment, was implemented at the beginning of this school year. It will be integrated throughout the day to help our youngest learners understand that they alone are responsible for their behavior and that they should look for and seek daily opportunities to increase, rather than decrease, the peace. This initiative assists us in helping our students to develop and foster their civic responsibilities and help them to know how they may impact future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bremer, Principal/Director
of Elementary Curriculum

Swift River Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2011 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement and improving assessment and instruction through scientifically based programs. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 575 students.

We had to say a heartfelt goodbye to Cindy White and Eileen Austin who retired after a combined total of 68 years of service to the Belchertown School System. They both served the school community with their passion towards education as well as their active involvement within the Belchertown community. We wish Ms. White and Ms. Austin many years of happiness in their retirement. Following the retirements we added a new teacher to the third grade team, Miss Amy Gaughan. Other changes in staffing include moving Meaghan Otto from Title I into a 2nd grade classroom. and Elizabeth Robert from a special education position into a 2nd grade classroom. We also welcomed Valerie Fritz to our Title I team.

In the area of technology, we are moving forward in many initiatives to provide opportunities for staff and students. Over the past school year we have received equipment in the form of interactive teaching technologies such as Mimios, Mimio Vote, laptop computers, document cameras, writing tablets and other software related programs. Many staff have been involved in training provided by the district to enhance the usage of this equipment within their classrooms. In addition, we are constructing a computer lab within the library which will be accessible to all students in grades 1, 2 and 3. At the start of the school year, we implemented PowerSchool, a new student management system which better serves our data needs.

New this year is the adoption of the PeaceBuilders program, instituted district wide. in order to support students in solving problems peacefully and in building community. At Swift River we say the PeaceBuilders pledge daily in which students pledge to praise people, give up putdowns, seek people. to notice hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others both in school and in their community. We have created a variety of activities, both for the classroom and to encourage family participation at home.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment are the savings bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. Under the direction of SRE art teacher Cathy Kenneally, Swift River Elementary School students participated in the district-wide art show during the BHS Project Runway performance. Math Night, held in the Spring for second grade parents and students, organized by the Title I staff and conducted by SRE teachers, provided an opportunity for students to practice Math skills with their families in a fun and interactive way. In addition, we conducted a series of workshops designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics such as attention difficulties, anxiety, and parenting support. This series was offered by the guidance departments at SRE and CSS in conjunction with doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology program at UMASS and the PTO. We also welcomed Karen Olinski from Valley Human Services, who is able to provide counseling to some of our students during the school day.

We have begun to incorporate the Response to Intervention model for academics. This model provides three tiers of support to meet the needs of all students. To strengthen Tier I, we have been involved with the district-wide curriculum initiative and are well on our way in developing cohesive and standards based units of study in all areas. In order to promote student achievement, and provide Tier II instruction, we have implemented a dedicated 30 minute block of time each day to provide skill based, data driven instruction and enrichment opportunities. Our professional development for teachers has been centered on RtI, differentiated instruction and Tier II interventions and enrichment.

In the Spring of 2011, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. We were proud to have two members of our faculty as recipients of this prestigious award. Matt Baker (Physical Education Teacher) and Karen Misiaszek(Special Education Teacher) from SRE were recognized.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2011 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Sharon Marean, teacher representative; Jennifer Torna, parent representative; Anna Marques, parent representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kuhn
Principal

Chestnut Hill Community School (CHCS) Principal's Report: Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can learn. Each is an individual deserving recognition for his or her special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and with the support of family, the dedicated staff strives to educate every child to be academically successful, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner.

In the spring of 2011, the students also took part in Chestnut Hill Community School's third annual book-a-thon titled, March Madness Reading Challenge. All students were given a challenge to read and because the students beat the goal set by administration, they were able to vote on what characters they wanted administration and staff to dress as. Mr. Cameron. Dr. Houle, and Mr. Welch, Mrs. Pelletier, Officer Krol, and Mrs. Fitzpatrick dressed up as characters from the Wizard of Oz.

In June, all third grade students from Swift River Elementary School took part in a "Move up Day". The students met with administration. the school counselor, toured the building, and took part in a question and answer session with fourth grade students to help their transition from third to fourth grade.

During the fall of 2011, Chestnut Hill Community School welcomed new talented educators to the existing faculty. New faculty members included Mr. Jason Mosall, Instrumental Band Teacher, Mrs. Anne Marley, Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Candice Judd, Guidance Counselor, and Mr. Michael Lavelle, Assistant Principal.

Much of our faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on improving teaching and learning. Members of the faculty have taken part in a number of initiatives that have already been implemented including the following:

1. An ambitious curriculum process that has teachers at all grade levels collaborating on writing K-12, seamless standards based curriculum in all content areas.
2. District-wide professional development focus designed to equip our faculty with the best instructional tools necessary to meet the ever increasing diversity of learners in our classrooms with the ability to access the global learning community via technology.
3. Implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

Chestnut Hill Community School has continued to use MCAS data to pose questions to faculty regarding how we are doing and what we can do to continue to improve student achievement. A number of initiatives have already been implemented to improve teaching and learning in our school, including the following two areas.

1. The Belchertown Public Schools have recently completed a new English Language Arts Curriculum Guide, aligned to the new Massachusetts framework. Our Mathematics Curriculum Guide is close to completion, also aligned to the new framework. This year. our focus will be on the implementation of the curriculum contained in these two documents in the classroom.

2. Our district-wide professional development focus this year is, in part, designed to equip our faculty with the best instructional tools necessary to meet the ever-increasing diversity of learners in our classrooms and to help them develop standards-based units and lessons in accordance with our new curriculum.

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

In addition, Chestnut Hill has taken part in a district-wide initiative titled, PeaceBuilders. PeaceBuilders is our new program designed to promote positive interactions between students, both in our schools and beyond.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2011 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in theatrical productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert. The Veterans' Day Concert, DARE Graduation, Nature's Classroom, and the Arbor Day celebration.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who help to make 2011 an exceptional year!

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cameron
Principal

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report: Jabish Brook Middle School has faced 2011 with a new set of challenges to meet the needs of every student in our school. In the midst of an extensive curriculum review and rewriting process – it has been the focus of the middle school to revise our educational practices to better assess and respond to the needs of our students. To this end, in conjunction with district initiatives, we are beginning the process of revising educational assessment practices to better identify and support student academic needs.

MCAS testing results at the middle school level continue to show that JBMS students compare favorably with students throughout the state. It remains a challenge at the middle school level, however, to have all students successfully meet proficiency ratings in all areas. To meet the goal of responding to the needs for every child, the faculty at Jabish Brook Middle School has revised our teaming model to include regular assessments on students, and to develop support services for students when they are found to have academic needs. These include the development of morning, lunch and after-school academic support services, and expanded academic interventions to provide supports throughout the school day.

In addition, the 2011-2012 school year saw the implementation of PeaceBuilders, a research-based district-wide anti-bullying initiative to support positive social interactions through proactive prevention. Extended homerooms are scheduled on a regular basis to help promote and foster a positive school culture and school environment, and make positive social expectations as important a lesson as any academic discipline.

The middle school has also been able to combine our strong academic expectations with social and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students to meet our educational goals. Events such as the Belchertown Fair parade, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our first ever winter semi-formal dance, field trips to Springfield and Boston, dress up spirit week, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program has continued to provide enrichment activities and academic support to our middle school students through 2011, thanks to the financial support of Country Bank. The after school program continued to provide academic activities such as Mathletes, MCAS testing practice, world language instruction, targeted homework help, and organizational skills classes; as well as enrichment activities, including our theatrical musical production, running club, ski club, arts and crafts, movies and recreational games. Attendance rates have shown the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS provide popular and productive activities for our students when they would otherwise likely be home alone. Our enrollment in these activities has increased to over 50% of our student population participating in at least one activity during the school year.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. The success of our team teaching model, coupled with the support of our faculty, our students, our parents and the community provided for another successful year through 2011 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ruscio
Principal

Belchertown High School (BHS) Principal's Report: The administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School enjoyed another outstanding year at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. We are so very proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout 2011. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. It is a great place to both teach and learn!

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Bryanne Macdonald as an award recipient for 2011. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Bryanne, her parents, and other western Massachusetts recipients. Bryanne Macdonald is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Bryanne's contributions to our academic program, our extra-curricular program, and our athletic program were significant. Bryanne Macdonald definitely left her mark at Belchertown High School.

In May, Mr. Lawrence O'Brien was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Mr. O'Brien was certainly most deserving of this award given his outstanding work as a Social Studies teacher and his work with students both in and out of the classroom.

On Saturday, June 4th, the Class of 2011 graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Robert Hansbury, the honorary "Dean of the Faculty," delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Ms. Bryanne Macdonald, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Deirdre Fitzpatrick, salutatorian of the class, and Ms. Rebecca DiVico, president of the class. The Class of 2011 sang their class song "With A Little Help from My Friends" a cappella with a little help from their superintendent, Dr. Judith Houle. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2011. Over $59,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2011, Belchertown High School also said goodbye to Mr. Robert Hansbury, Mrs. Donna Petitt, and Mrs. Rita Bodzinski who retired after a combined total of over one hundred years of service at Belchertown High School. Each of these outstanding people gave so much to the Belchertown High School community. American author John Steinbeck once said, "I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.." These teachers canvases have been Belchertown High School and their masterpieces have been decades of students who have not only learned from them in the classroom but have also learned the ideals of kindness, compassion, gentleness from each of them. We wish Mr. Hansbury, Mrs. Petitt, and Mrs. Bodzinski much happiness in the years ahead!

On Thursday, September 1st, 788 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new teachers: Ms. Jennifer Merrigan – Social Studies, Mr. Jarod Hightower-Mills – French, Ms. Annette Colon-Vega – Spanish/Latin, Ms. Kathleen Bernardin – French, and Mr. Robert Marchewka – Dean of Students/Director of Athletics.

On Friday, September 9th, the BHS Community remembered the ten year anniversary of the events of 9/11. The

Symphony Band under the direction. of Ms. Lyndsay Boysen, performed the National Anthem and Amazing Grace.

On Saturday, October 8th, the Powder Puff Game was held at Belchertown High School. Under the leadership of Mrs. Deborah Tupek, the Class of 2011 and 2012 ladies battled it out on the football field while the men of the Class of 2011 and 2012 cheered for them on the sidelines. This was a great event enjoyed by all who attended despite the sprinklers going off in the middle of the game! A special thanks to Mrs. Tupek, faculty, staff, and students for their participation in this outstanding event.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, November 10th. Belchertown High School graduate, Army Specialist Anthony Hurtado, posted the colors. Selectperson and Corporal of the US Marines, George Archible served as our guest speaker and discussed the importance of Veterans' Day in his life. Mr. Archible's comments were very moving and inspiring to all of us in attendance. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz and Student Council, Laura Freeman and Madison Granger, for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Mrs. Boysen, the Wind Ensemble, Joseph Brozek and Joseph Auclair for their musical contributions. Throughout the year, we have kept Mr. Archible's comments in mind.

In December, 44 members of the Class of 2012 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding achievement.

Through the leadership of teachers, administrators, students, parents and other members of the school community, Belchertown High School has established a vital learning community that has been defined by its proud, respectful, and welcoming school climate.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Vigneux
Principal

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. At the November 2010 state election, incumbents Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer) and Barbara Ray (Ware) were re-elected. Having previously been appointed to fill vacancies, William E. Johnson (Granby), Lorraine Alves (Belchertown), and Andrew Jaffee (Monson) were elected to four-year terms. Voters also chose Julie Quink who succeeds Robert Dupuis from Hardwick. In Pathfinder's newest town of Oakham, Lisa Starbard was appointed to serve through the November 2012 election. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

CURRICULUM: Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The percentage of Pathfinder students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient range in all 3 areas—English, Math, and Science has shown steady progress over the past four years. The percentage of students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient range in English has risen from 52% in 2008 to 72% in 2011. The improvement in Math (67%-69% and Science (49%-62%) was also positive. .This improvement has also resulted in the school being judged as making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all four student subgroups (Aggregate and Special Populations for both English and Math). This represents a very positive improvement from last year, when the district did not make AYP in 3 of the 4 categories.

Pathfinder is making progress in its effort to increase the rigor of the academic offerings for students. The introduction of an honors curriculum for all academic areas began during the 2009-2010 school year with honors-level courses being offered in English, Mathematics, Science, History, and Spanish for ninth grade students. During 2011, the English, Mathematics, Science, and Spanish programs added honors-level classes for eleventh grade.

To further strengthen the reading program, Pathfinder introduced *System 44*. This program is similar to *Read 180* (installed last year) in its intensive approach to the study of reading for students who are reading below grade level when they enter Pathfinder. Incoming ninth grade students with reading deficiencies as identified by standardized testing are assigned to one of two levels of the *Read 180* program as an alternative to ninth grade English. The *System 44* component is aimed at students whose reading level is at the first to third grade level. This program has shown impressive results in districts throughout the country; students have been able to show gains of up to three years' improvement in the reading level after just one year in the program.

The school's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students. and the expansion of the program has proven to be very successful.

MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- Automotive technology students performed maintenance services for the Palmer Dare cruiser.
- Auto Collision Technology students and their instructor continued to organize and run the annual Pathfinder Car Show. This event is held on Pathfinder grounds and benefits the Skills USA program at Pathfinder.
- Auto Reconditioning students continued to provide services for police, highway, fire and water districts in member towns.
- Building Services students continued to provide regular maintenance services at Pathfinder.
- Cosmetology students have been going to the Hawthorne House in Ware on a monthly basis to provide a "Spa Day" for residents. Students give haircuts, manicures and style hair. On occasion, they provide the same services at the Palmer Senior Center.
- Culinary Arts students continue to prepare and serve meals for the "Elderly Lunch Program" at Pathfinder. Instructors and student continued to provide food and services to local and civic events in the Pathfinder Tea Room.
- Electrical students completed a major project at Quaboag Regional High School in Warren.
- Electronics technology students and instructors along with school staff hosted the FIRST robotics state championship for the 4th consecutive year.

- Students and staff from the culinary program assisted the Monson tornado relief effort by preparing sandwiches and serving people helping with the cleanup effort in June.

Nineteen students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu* of attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

Placing students in the current economy has been a challenge. Nevertheless, the school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to expand the program.

STUDENT BODY: Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2011 totaled 658 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 107; Granby 16; Hardwick 21; Monson 92; New Braintree 12; Oakham 16; Palmer 198; Ware 88; and Warren 52. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (28) and West Brookfield (10) respectively. The 658 figure in October represents an increase of 23 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2010.

The Guidance Office, which also serves as the Admissions Office, once again received far more applications for the 180 ninth grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to participate in a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. The summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's newly designed website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports, and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process. A copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative

G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets toward the end- of- the- year drawing for prizes like music systems and gift cards. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts, assistance from the school committee, as well as generous donations from local businesses. Recently, many faculty members have become involved by providing classroom incentives and rewards for Renaissance card holders.

At the 24th Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), AJ Czuprynski of Ludlow represented Pathfinder. AJ, a student in the Computer Programming and Web Design Program, was ranked at the top of the graduating class. With a GPA of 3.91, AJ consistently earned high honors and Renaissance Gold Card recognition and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and excellence in vocational and academic studies. He was also the recipient of the Presidential Certificate for Outstanding Performance in the area of Programming and Web Design. He was planning to attend Fitchburg State University in the fall.

Josh Deland of Monson was also the recipient of the Presidential Certificate for Outstanding Performance in the area of Programming and Web Design. Josh will be entering Springfield Technical Community College in the Fall.

Dillon Oster of Wales was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the 2010 Massachusetts Vocational Association's Student Achievement Award. Dillon is a graduate of Pathfinder's Culinary Arts program. Dillon will be entering the military in the fall.

In June 2011, the graduating class of 128 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Graduates received 60 awards totaling $18,650. and more than $160,000 in scholarships from schools and colleges was announced. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

ANNUAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT: Students returned after the holiday break eager to start. A pasta dinner/fundraiser sponsored by Olive Garden was a huge success! Students helped cook and serve the dinner which was used as a fundraiser by the freshman class. The more than 240 people who attended enjoyed the pasta dinner, breadsticks and salad.

A blood drive was held on Jan. 31st and again on March 31st. Over 195 pints of blood were collected (combined with a fall blood drive). The drive reached a 30% student participation goal. Two students--Taylor Brosseau and Monique Piquette--were awarded $500 scholarships each from the Bob's Red Cross Scholarship Fund.

Also in March the class of 2013 had a carwash/bake sale/can drive at the school. Dances and other fundraisers filled up the winter months.

The Junior Prom was held at the Lusitano Club in Ludlow on May 6th. Senior students had their Senior Banquet at the Hampden Country Club on May 13th and a senior picnic on senior sign -out day, May 27th. Seniors feasted on burgers and dogs, salads, soda and dessert.

Senior Class Day was held on June 3rd. The Renaissance Committee chaired by Judy Mercier handed out prizes to lucky Renaissance students. Prizes consisted of Walmart gift cards, movie tickets, a season pass to Six Flags, and a DVD player. Students were chosen randomly and were thrilled with their prizes.

The 2011-2012 school year began on August 31st. Class advisors met to establish parameters for fund raising. SKILLS planned their annual car show for September. The end of October brought a disastrous winter storm with a week-long leave from school, disrupting many activities. Junior prom committee meetings and senior officers' meeting to obtain their annual senior privileges took place in November and December.

ATHLETICS: Pathfinder once again had close to 200 students participate in athletic programs throughout this past year. Pathfinder athletes participated in the first season of co-op winter sport teams – swimming (boys and girls) with Palmer High School and wrestling with Ware and Palmer High School.

Highlights for the year were:

- The varsity boys' basketball team qualified for the MIAA Western Mass. Tournament.
- The varsity girls' basketball team qualified for the MIAA Western Mass. Tournament.
- The wrestling team had their first full season as a co-op host with Palmer and Ware. Jake Paull and Jacob Straight both won the Western Mass. Tournament and qualified for the states. Jacob Straight went on to win the State Tournament and finished fourth in New England. Both Jake Paull and Jacob Straight were first team all scholastic selections by the Springfield *Republican.*
- The varsity baseball team returned to the MIAA Western Mass. Tournament after a 3 year absence.

- The varsity girls' softball team qualified for the MIAA Western Mass. Tournament. Megan Maska, Jenna Maska and Kat Morgan were named as first team all scholastic softball players by the Springfield *Republican* newspaper.

- Andrew Letendre and Samantha Dickson were selected as Pathfinder's outstanding male and female senior athletes for the 2010-2011 school year.

- Varsity football players Greg Pobieglo and TrystanDavis ranked in the top two performers of Western Mass. football. Pobieglo was second ranked for passing yardage as a quarterback. and Davis was number one in receiving yardage and touchdown receptions.

SPECIAL SERVICES: During 2011. Special Education Director JoAnn Fitzpatrick. retired after many years in the Pathfinder Regional School District. Nicole Heroux. replaced her as the new Director in the Special Education Department. Nicole had experience as a past Director of Student Support Services. working for the Department of Education in the Program Quality Assurance Department, and being both a Vice Principal and Principal. Nicole and her staff are currently in the process of evaluating all current programs and services. The goal is to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of ***all*** learners in grades 9-12 and to the students previously enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Given the results of the District's Coordinated Program Review, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is now fully implemented. Pathfinder no longer has a *formalized* program called MVIP. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents. and other student support services. the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate. and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs. The staff at Pathfinder is working to develop a program for the students who were previously in an MVIP program to insure their success at the school.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over two hundred and four (204) special needs students. The Department continued to be responsible for approximately fifty (50) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) academic or vocational professionally licensed instructors, nine (9) paraprofessionals, and one full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Adjustment Counselor. and Occupational Therapist.

Work continues on the collaboration between special and general educators.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Source	Amount	Acquisitions/Products
ARRA Emergency Stimulus Funds	$84.765	Replenish shortfall
Pathfinder Booster Club	$6.000	Vertimax Machine
Special Education Grant	$230.248	1 Math, 1 ELA inclusion model teacher, evals. ESPED. Materials. 5 Alpha Smarts
Title I – ARRA	$64.342	Quadrant D Staff Training, Summer Transition Program, Further BC Collaboration, Smart Boards
Special Ed – ARRA	$25.626	Pilot *Understanding Your Disability and Taking Responsibility for Your Own Education* project – Fund SPED position. Diagnostic Software
Title I	$131,105	ELA and Math Inclusion instructor. Shop week tutor
Teacher Quality	$27.690	Retain highly qualified Staff Member. tutoring for 2 not yet HQ Teachers
Anti -Bullying	$650	Teacher training
Title ! Carry-over	$56.066	System 44 Reading Lab Multiple Smart Boards
WIA – Year Round	$70.000	Provide meaningful summer jobs for 32 participants and year round jobs for 4.
Academic Support	$23.600	MCAS PREP and remediation for 22 Pathfinder 9th Graders
Carl Perkins Funds	$91,028	Retain Drafting/CAD Teacher. *Project Lead the Way.* Professional Development, Smart Board 3 Credit Class, Fully operational Career Center
EduJobs	$113.364	Partially pay teachers' Health Insurance
Total	$924,484	

The major portion of one- time or last- time funding went to upgrading technology.

Pathfinder now boasts a Smart Board in every academic classroom where requested by the teacher.

Additionally, Apperson Data Collection machines have been purchased. strategically located. and teachers have been trained in the technology.

A fully operational Career Center employing the MASS Model has been installed in Room 223.

A 10-Station Math Computer lab was installed in Room 224.

A two-year school-wide site license (Study Island - entire Curriculum) was purchased for remediation. enrichment and credit recovery

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program served over 120 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 11th and July 29th. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: automotive technology, carpentry. cosmetology, electronics, environmental explorers. photography & web design. mad science. vex robotics. bake shop, and culinary arts. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports. games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July, and the vocational related in August. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. Additionally. two students had two made up 30 hours in an employee skills program which ran for 30 hours in August. Ninety students were enrolled in fifteen academic courses: 13 in vocational coursework. and two students were making up hours. The combined summer school enrollment included 105 students from 10 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 44 vocational teachers. 26 academic teachers, 10 special education teachers, 2 counselors, a library-media specialist. and 11 aides. The school is managed by a group of 9 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator.

Historically, Pathfinder has been justly proud of the stability of its faculty and staff. It was therefore unusual to experience 4 four resignations over the summer and a larger than usual number of veteran teachers choosing to retire.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees James Maisto. JoAnn McDiarmid, and Wayne Meacham. In early fall, Michael Bernat. William Paquette, Raymond Johnson and JoAnn Fitzpatrick joined them in retirement.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills

Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators

BUDGET AND FINANCE: The school committee adopted a FY12 budget of $12,489,474, representing a 1.85% increase over FY11. For the two previous fiscal years the budget had shown a zero percent increase. Eight of the nine District member communities subsequently approved their assessments. Consequently, the budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

The unpredictability of state's regional school transportation reimbursement has continued for the fourth fiscal year, making budgetary estimations a continuing concern throughout the year. The state's current transportation reimbursement estimation is approximately 52% and the administration continues to monitor the state for any adjustments which correspondingly affect the current fiscal year's budget.

Additionally, changes in Medicaid reimbursement procedures have continued to reduce the annual state reimbursement In FY10, Pathfinder received in excess of $75,000.00 to subsidize the annual budget. For FY12, the amount is considerably less--approximately $30,000.00.

Lastly, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern for upcoming FY13 as the state predicts level funding at best. Although Pathfinder saw an increase in Chapter 70 Aid of $56,702 for FY12, it was due to an increase of in-district enrollment of 23 students. Finally, all state Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds (ARRA) came to an end in FY12 and will not be available in the future.

The following chart illustrates the FY12 assessments to each member community:

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2012:

Towns	Minimum Contribution	Additional Contribution	Share of Regular Cap.	1st Yr of 5 Yr Cap Plan	Transportation	Total Assessment
Belchertown	$576,337	$272,642	$10,983	$19,237	$56,692	$935,891
Granby	$140,227	$56,306	$2,268	$7,953	$11,708	$218,463
Hardwick	$95,948	$50,379	$2,029	$2,981	$10,476	$161,813
Monson	$561,180	$269,678	$10,863	$10,302	$56,076	$908,099
New Braintree	$67,397	$23,708	$955	$1,191	$4,930	$98,181
Oakham	$88,728	$41,489	$1,671	$2,362	$8,627	$142,877
Palmer	$1,131,352	$571,955	$23,040	$13,081	$118,930	$1,858,357
Ware	$517,320	$269,678	$10,863	$10,544	$56,076	$864,481
Warren	$228,399	$157,065	$6,327	$6,372	$32,659	$430,823
Totals:	**$3,406,888**	**$1,712,902**	**$69,000**	**$74,022**	**$356,173**	**$5,618,985**

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: The school committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

On January 3, 2011 Senator Brewer's office announced that Governor Patrick had signed Chapter 405 of the Acts of 2010. *An Act Validating Certain Proceedings of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District*. the provisions of which admitted the town of Oakham to the District retroactive to July 1, 2010.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY13 fiscal picture will undoubtedly be the most challenging in recent memory. Despite this bleak outlook, however, the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Year 2011 gave testimony to how the Department of Public Works is constantly tested to keep up with demands on behalf of the Town, its residents and Mother Nature. New England's harshest winter not seen in several years, exploded upon us during the winter of 2010-2011 as we suffered through 23 snowstorms accumulating a total of 96" inches of snowfall.

On January 11-12, 2011. the Town of Belchertown saw 26" of snow fall in one day, crippling our town and the entire Hampshire County District and further having the State of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency by the Governor. On January 18th, 2011 the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (aka MEMA) announced a local Emergency Initial Damage Assessment Program to determine whether the Commonwealth and its communities were eligible to receive federal disaster assistance as a result of the January 11-12 winter snowstorm. The Department compiled all the data required to finalize the towns one day storm statistics into a 250+ page document and submitted its final package in the amount of $80,652.94 to FEMA on April 27, 2011. Ultimately, the Town of Belchertown was able to recoup approximately $63,000.00 in reimbursement costs incurred for this one day disaster that literally brought the entire region to a halt.

On Sunday August 28, 2011, Tropical Storm "Irene" donned the biggest storm in decades, dumped a significant 8-10" of rainfall in a brief period of time causing major flooding on our roads along with overflowing brooks and streams. In addition, severe high winds in excess of 75 mph caused damage to our trees and electrical systems across the Northeast with the Town of Belchertown suffering outages in some neighboring areas. The Department was prepared and remained on stand-by notice offering immediate response by providing clearing and removal of downed trees, impending limbs, and debris in order to provide public safety and passage of our roadways and emergency vehicles responders.

Then on October 29, 2011 storm "Alfred" hit the town of Belchertown and was claimed the worst snow and ice storm seen in decades. Once again, the State of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency and the Town of Belchertown declared one of the worst hit areas. The Department of Public Works was called into action again to clear away 140 miles of roadway that were blocked by downed power lines, trees, brush and debris that rendered our roads literally impassable. The Departments immediate response was to provide public safety to our residents. DPW cleaning crews worked around the clock cleaning up the roadsides maneuvering through town streets conducting wood chipping, cutting and mulching. As of this report the Department has cleared approximately 90% of the town's roadways. This arduous and time consuming process is ongoing.

The Department would like to state that this monumental task would not have been possible without the assistance of several private town contractors, all of whom worked tirelessly and side by side with our crews. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all town residents for their patience and cooperation during this monumental restoration process that will be ongoing well into 2012.

Amongst dealing with the constant eddying of storms and inclement weather the Department was simultaneously busy in other areas, proving productive as always. The Department has worked endlessly in the area of remaining a "Green Community" since its designation in 2010 and we are proud that our report reflects continued advances and accomplishments in the field of green energy and notes its successes throughout year 2011.

In the areas of energy, the Department finalized its monthly reporting for year 2011 regarding its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant it received in 2010 through the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and in order to complete a series of energy efficiency measures at the Lawrence Memorial Hall. The Department has now entered into its second year of continued inventory and compiling energy data for all municipal facilities; all of which establishes a baseline to evaluate the effectiveness of conservation measures.

On September 27, 2011 the Department met its first DOER's reporting deadline and submitted its Green Communities Annual Report. This report consisted of its continued fielding of the Model Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy enacted on April 27th, 2010 which requires the Department to inventory all town vehicles' monthly consumption of fuel (i.e. gas/diesel) from year 2008 to present. In addition, reporting of kilowatt usage from every town owned building and fuel oils consisting of propane and oil consumption for all town owned buildings as well. The Department has been arduously maintaining these statistics on a monthly/yearly basis since its baseline year of 2008-2009. Hence, we are proud to provide an overall tracking result of a 5.6 % decrease in energy costs since the programs inception and remains confident that further reductions will show a goal of a 20% reduction and savings within the five-year reporting deadline.

The Department of Public Works continues to be a key player in the continuing negotiations with Siemens Building Technologies Inc., an independent energy auditing company. The company's reporting of the Investment Grade Audit began in late 2010 and belabored through February 2011, far surpassing its reporting deadline. A presentation was made at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 9th, 2011 by town officials and the president of the Siemens, Mr. Jerry Drummond. Also in attendance was Beth Greenblatt, liaison on behalf of the town to help digest the numerous programs, initiatives and massive contracts for the prospective work between the two parties. Ultimately, town residents voted unanimously to authorize the town to enter into an Energy Savings Performance Contract for a period of up to twenty years for the purchase of various infrastructure improvements of which the funds to pay for these items will come from savings derived from energy conservation measures, utility rebates and grants.

In addition, town residents also voted unanimously to have the town enter into a financing agreement in the amount not to exceed $3,312.000.00 to fund energy management services for town-owned buildings under the Energy Savings Performance Contract. On June 16th. 2011 a "kick-off" meeting was held between all parties which culminated in the signing of the final contract to begin work. A $3 million dollar bond was endorsed by the Town of Belchertown's Board of Selectmen in June, 2011, which in turn will pay for the majority of the energy savings contract agreement with Siemens Engineering. As of this report, new boilers have been replaced at the Lawrence Memorial Hall and Recreation Building. In addition new lighting has been installed at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, EMS Building, Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Police Department. Also new building envelopes consisting of insulation and weather-stripping has been installed at the Recreation Building, Freedom Center, Senior Center. Police Department, Lawrence Memorial Hall, Fire Station and EMS as well.

Moving into the areas of roadways and reconstruction, the ongoing planning and design efforts for the reconstruction of Route 181 and portions of Three Rivers Road (South Main Street, and North Washington Street) progressed, albeit slowly. The 25% design plans for the Three Rivers Road project were essentially put on hold so our efforts could be directed to the Rt. 181 reconstruction project and the design work for the reconstruction of the Main and Maple streets intersection mentioned below. The Route 181 plans advanced fully to the 100% phase and we continue to address comments provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, (DOT). A site visit was conducted on Tuesday. May 17th, 2011 followed by meetings with the consultants for this project, VHB, Inc., and representation by Mass. DOT with all comments/questions being addressed. The Department applied for and received an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission for this project enabling this project to move forward.

The Department of Public Works is now in its final stages of improving the Main Street/Maple Street/Jabish Street intersection. The design is now complete and final Right-of-Way issues are being addressed. Improvements throughout this intersection will provide an exclusive left turn lane to the South Main Street northbound approach and reconfiguring lane assignments on Maple Street eastbound. This project is to include new signal equipment. minor widening of South Main and Maple Streets, new sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, new and reset granite curb, coldplane-overlay and new striping and signage. A total of $ 806.248.74 has been secured in State and Federal Funds to contract the project and the department looks forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

In addition, the Department of Public Works reviewed twenty-one Stormwater Management applications in 2011. Working with the Conservation Commission, all permit applications must meet the requirements of the towns' Stormwater Management Regulations, and require review of submitted professional plans and design drawings along with disturbance calculations, site locus plans, amount of area disturbance and existing hydrology to name a few. In addition, the Department also held its Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions, on Thursday, March 17th, 2011. This training class was conducted by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neill who documents and records the department's activity for the year and in order to maintain compliance.

The Department celebrated Earth Day on April 22, 2011 by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of curbside trash. A total of 66 trash bags were given out to 7 participants who collected trash in various locations throughout the town and all trash was disposed of at the towns' Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this years Earth Day event and appreciates your effort towards keeping our community green.

Safety: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

Vehicles & Equipment: In the areas of vehicles and equipment in 2011, the Department reviewed its truck fleet and equipment which required much needed repairs. Looming purchases became reality with the following vehicles and equipment being purchased/leased in 2011.

- F-350 One Ton Dump Body: $6286.29
- Toro ZTR lawnmower w/collection System & Thatcher: $9219.00
- Paddle Broom: $196.90

The Department's individual Divisions also completed a variety of other projects that I will describe below:

Highway Division: As mentioned previously, our Highway Division and its fleet took a beating during winter 2011 with 23 storm events from late November 2010 throughout April 2011. The year consisted of treating the roads with de-icing agents and relentless hours of snow plowing. In addition, the severe winter weather wreaked havoc on our vehicles and equipment which required extensive repairs and maintenance. The Department was somehow able to keep our fleet operational throughout the season and as always under scarce and deprived resources. This department strives endlessly towards keeping our roads well traveled and maintained during the winter season and wishes to thank each and every employee as well as our private plowing contractors for their dedication, outstanding efforts, and countless hours behind the wheel during this past year's overburdened snowstorms.

During the 2010-2011 snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $3.762. approximately -22.50% lower than the 2009/2010 season ($ 4.854). The total cost for the season: $ 363,024.03.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs. cleaning catch basins. sweeping. line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during ten months of the year. shoveling approximately 583.05 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a ten-foot wide strip one inch deep over 1.8 miles.

The Division was responsible for the following resurfacing/reclamation projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings:

Street	Feet	Cost
Franklin Street	3.750'	$36.177.78
Mill Valley Road	2.480'	$25.562.62
Hamilton Street	1.130'	$8.273.08
Fuller Street	1.520'	$19.656.25
No. Washington St.	2.780'	$43.791.13
Granby Road	1.811'	$50.772.16
So. Liberty Street	2.760'	$42.585.44
Cold Spring Road	8.320'	$144.260.91
Kimball Street	3.000'	$54.642.80

29.251' / 5.5 miles

The Highway Department continuously conducts yearly maintenance consisting of crack sealing, drainage repairs and clearing of brush and removal of accumulated silt in various detention basins throughout the town.

In addition. the Massachusetts Department of Transportation standards governing sign retro reflectivity (designed so that light bounces back from the sign to enable nighttime visibility) has set compliance standards for government agencies. Agencies have until January 2012 to establish and implement a sign assessment or management method to maintain minimum levels of sign retro reflectivity. The implementation of this program requires the department to list every street sign within the Town of Belchertown as a base. Each sign must be looked at individually then measured and cataloged into a database. The Departments Highway Division Foreman, Ed Burton, has been assigned this challenge mapping and cataloging 600+ signs to-date utilizing the "People Forms" programming. To further meet compliance standards, all regulatory. warning. and ground mounted signs will need to be replaced by January, 2015 followed by the replacement of overhead guide signs and street name signs by January, 2018.

Additionally, on Monday, May 9, 2011, the town voted unanimously to accept as a town road- public way known as "Rivers Edge Subdivision"-Clover Hill Road. This approximate ¼ mile additional roadway was obtained by the town and will be maintained by the Highway Dept. This additional amount of roadway is contributory to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program which allocates Chapter 90 funding to the town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 175.120.000 gallons of wastewater this past year, significantly higher than what was received in 2010 (115,600.000 gallons). They also had 12 new connections during the year, three of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system, and eight came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1.663 equivalent dwelling units.

This increase in sewerage flow was due to a wet year realizing a 14.8 % increase in annual rainfall, a 10.1 inch difference from 2010 to 2011.

The Department also completed the sixth year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2011, activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and an aggressive cleaning of approximately 6000 feet of collection system.

In addition, this past autumn the department experienced unforeseen equipment failures due to the impact of Nor'easter Alfred. The list included a motor and contactors, two variable frequency drives, a programmable controller, fence repair, heating valve replacement, and an underground instrument power wire replacement.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant had the unfortunate task to review its sewer rates for the town based upon a recent Massachusetts Sewer Rates Study of 2010 and conducted by Engineers, Tighe & Bond, Inc. On Monday, April 11, 2011 the Board of Selectmen approved these rates effective July 1, 2011- FY'2012. The new sewer rates reflected a $40.00 per EDU/year for both the South End and Central District Sewer users. The evaluation of the Sewer Enterprise Account resulted in only 0.7% increase over FY' 2010; that being the result of the departments Sewer Operations Supervisor, Mr. Rollin Dewitt's careful oversight and management of spending at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Department is grateful for Mr. Dewitt's careful foresight and valuable leadership towards achieving level funding, year after year.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station is dedicated towards providing our town residents a clean and safe depository of both trash waste and recyclable items. This year our station was able to offer extended hours, effective March 1, 2011 on Thursdays from 7:30am to 5:15pm to accommodate those wishing to access the station later into the day. In addition, the Transfer Station was proud to offer its new "Walk-Up Window" to those residents wishing to purchase an annual Transfer Station Permit/Sticker during announced Saturday sales only. Resident response from those accessing the window stated the "window" provided easier access and a greater source of information. With positive response from our town residents the Department continues to develop new and innovative ideas to assist its users daily and make it a most accommodating experience.

A total of 1,606 households participated in our disposal/recycling program and the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated:

- 429.02 tons of commingled containers, paper and cardboard
- 1,050 gallons of waste oil
- 399 tires
- 805.43 tons of solid waste
- 13.11 tons of electronics
- 55.56 tons of scrap steel
- 13.4 tons of textile

In 2011, Transfer Station Permit Sticker fees remained the same with a yearly permit sticker at $100.00, and discounted for senior citizens over 65, at $80.00. A bundle of ten large trash bags remained at $14.50 and a bundle of ten small trash bags still cost $11.00. Our disposal and transportation costs associated with solid waste collected at the facility remained the same

The Department of Public Works also conducted a survey, via confidential questionnaire, which asked residents who access the Transfer Station/Recycling Center their opinion as to whether they felt the assessed fees for permit stickers and bags were fairly priced. Out of approximately 800 questionnaires that were distributed the department received 115 responses. See graph below for results.

Questionnaire Results:
(Qty: 115 out of 800)

1. Are you satisfied with the current ratio of permit fees versus bag fees?
   Yes = 83 No = 32
2. Would you like to see future increases applied to bag prices?
   Yes = 27 No = 88
3. Would you like to see future increases applied to permit sticker prices?
   Yes = 18 No = 97
4. Are you satisfied with the current services the Transfer Station has to offer?
   Yes = 106 No =9

The Department welcomes any comments, suggestions and concerns from its residential Transfer Station users and consistently strives towards making our station friendly, clean and productive.

In addition, the Town's Transfer Station was able to accommodate our town residents during the October 29, 2011 premature storm of the season. The station remained opened and operational offering extended weekend service and hours for those residents who were able to haul their brush piles down to the 135 Hamilton Street station, on their own accord. In addition, the Department made available open top containers for residents to dispose of their spoiled foods as a result of the storm. All fees were waived for residents during this harsh time and the costs of this disposal were added into the towns' budget and in order to waive additional fees upon our annual residential users.

In keeping with the environment and the Town's accomplishments of going green, the Department of Public Works was proud to provide for its second year in a row another Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day which was held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. This event was hosted by Clean Harbors, a company that specializes with the proper disposal of hazardous waste materials. The event lasted four hours and assisted 65 town residents who were able to dispose of their accumulated hazardous materials properly. The town provided financial relief to those residents who retained a valid Transfer Station Permit Sticker, awarding a free pass to dispose of a half-car load of materials consisting of up to 10 gals/10 lbs. Incremental fees were charged accordingly for both full carloads/half carloads, and in volume amounts of either 10 gals/10 lbs, or 25 gals/25 lbs. The Town of Belchertown strives to become one step closer towards keeping our community green and chemical free.

Cemetery Division: The Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. In 2011, we conducted a total of 27 burials, consisting of 14 earthen burials and 13 cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair. This year, and in keeping with the technology of our times, we were able to apply a web-link located on the DPW Cemetery section of the Town's webpage (www.belchertown.org). The addition of this newly constructed "Peopleforms" program has been independently devised to archive the Mt. Hope Cemetery. This independent link can be accessed by anyone wishing to conduct research within the town. To date, over 1600+ entries of our deceased have been documented and data entry is ongoing.

In addition, the Department teamed up with the town Veterans Graves office to allocate funds for the repair and replacement of fencing that consisted of approximately 160'ft of 4' high galvanized chain link fence, posts and top rails at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. All work was completed as of July, 2011.

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Division: The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division bid farewell to Debra Giammarino who retired in March, 2011, and who served the Town as a custodial worker for 11 years. The Division was very busy during this past year, caring for 32 town buildings and approximately 200 acres of open space, cemeteries and athletic fields. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Restoration of the windows at the Lawrence Memorial Hall
- New Boiler at Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Weather stripping on doors at Lawrence Memorial Hall.
- Re-pointing and sealing of bricks on north side at Lawrence Memorial Hall.
- Weather stripping and additional insulation at Fire station.
- New boilers at Recreation Department building.
- Added 1,800 sq ft of insulation in attic at Recreation and Freedom Hall buildings.
- Weather stripped doors at Recreation and Freedom Buildings.
- Assisted School department with the installation of a new little league field at Foley field.
- Chipped brush from October, 30th to December, 31st on town roads, cemeteries and town owned locations.
- Rebuilt storage shed at DPW location due to last year's snow load and age.
- Replaced broken stone pillars at Bowler cemetery off of South St.
- Set up for picnic and other functions for the 250th celebrations through out the year.
- Spent countless hours with The Siemens Group correlating energy upgrades for town buildings.

In addition, this Division had the added task of 28 mailbox repairs/replacements to residents that incurred damages due to the winter's heavy snow and ice storms. The Departments Maintenance Division arduously made their way to each residence to conduct repairs/replacements of their mailboxes, enabling everyone to receive their daily postal delivery.

In 2011, the Department of Public Works entered into its final contract stages for the repair of all ninety-nine windows of the Lawrence Memorial Hall and with an estimated budgeted construction cost of $350,000. Roy S. Brown Architects, from Wilbraham, Mass. was retained to oversee this project and provide detailed specifications/ information to all interested contractors and was able to work collaboratively with the Department of Public Works and the Buildings, Maintenance and Grounds Division. Although several contractors expressed interest in conducting the work for this project. which was originally slated to begin in August/September of 2010, the contract was ultimately awarded to Kronenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc., from Middletown CT, on February 4th, 2011. All work was conducted according to the specifications and stayed on its projected monetary targeted goal with a final date of completion on June 30, 2011. Though results are too premature to realize, the Department is confident that exorbitant heat loss will be halted and energy savings will result on the positive side.

The Department realizes the constraints placed upon Lawrence Memorial Hall administration and employees during this major restoration project and wishes to thank all Town Hall Offices who provided entry when called upon in order to provide independent access for the contractors to complete their work in a timely fashion. The Department also wishes to thank its Maintenance Division Supervisor, Max Bock and his department for their dedication, guidance, and assistance with this project.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed, and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Tree and Vegetation Control: In addition to large volume of trees damaged by storm "Alfred" in October 2011, the Department supervised the removal of 62 trees consisting of the following varieties: 14 oak, 4 ash, 6 pine, 1 hickory, 35 maples, 1 poplar, and 1 cherry. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits by the town's tree warden, Steve Williams, were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

Concluding Statement: The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors who support us, and the employees within the Department. The year 2011 was a tough and trying year for all of us here at the Department of Public Works and I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

- Dylan Bachand, WWTP Laborer
- Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Laborer
- Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Supervisor
- Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Supervisor
- Darin Braese, Heavy Equipment Operator I
- Ed Burton, Highway Division Foreman
- Michelle Burns, Building Custodian
- Terry Chevalier, Highway Laborer
- David Clegg, Maintenance Foreman
- Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
- Dennis Daniels, Heavy Equipment Operator I
- Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Supervisor
- Chris Elias, Highway Division Mechanic/Truck Driver
- Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic/Truck Driver
- John Grossman, Maintenance Laborer
- Steve Harris, Heavy Equipment Operator II
- Tom Hathaway, Highway Laborer
- Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II

- Walter "Jimmy" Henry, Transfer Station Laborer
- Karl Jensen, Building Custodian
- Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Laborer
- Denis Lessard, Heavy Equipment Operator II
- Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant II
- Sean Madden, Maintenance Laborer
- Leo Peet, Heavy Equipment Operator I
- Jeff Plant, Maintenance Worker
- Ronald Ritter, Heavy Equipment Operator I
- Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor
- Samantha Taylor, Building Custodian
- David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

In 2011, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued its focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes a representative appointed by the Selectmen from each of the fifteen participant towns. Belchertown's appointee is Krista Wilson.

The BAC made small business loans using repayment funds from a CDBG grant through the Town of Palmer and a loan from the US Dept. of Agriculture. The BAC also has a line of credit with seven area banks: Bank of America, Country Bank for Savings, FamilyFirst Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and Spencer Savings Bank. In 2011, three loans were approved totaling $79,500. These loans were in the following towns: Belchertown, Palmer and Southbridge.

The CDC continued to provide direct assistance to small businesses throughout the year, interacting with 59 businesses within the region. Of these, 48 received at least one hour of individual business technical assistance with an average of 8.26 hours each. In some cases this was in the form of business planning assistance. In other cases it was outside consulting with attorneys, accountants, computer specialists, bookkeepers and marketing consultants. Most was underwritten by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Business Development. In the Town of Belchertown, 4 businesses were assisted.

Computer and business training to businesses and their employees continued through the CDC in 2011 in Palmer and Ware. Twenty-four individuals representing 16 businesses received training, including one from Belchertown.

The two organizations continued to be supported by local municipalities, libraries and banks as well as state and federal grants.

Residents are encouraged to contact the CDC with business financing, training or technical assistance needs by calling 413-967-3001 or visiting the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Rutherford
Executive Director

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Recreation Commission is committed to providing the highest quality services for our community and we are always looking for ways in which we can improve. The Belchertown Recreation Commission welcomes any and all community members to monthly meetings to assist us in our goal of providing the best recreational programs for our town.

At its regular meetings the Commission focused on working with volunteer community organizations, DPW and schools to maximize opportunities for both private and Recreation Department access to fields and indoor space. The Commission has been working diligently with the school and members of the community to advocate for the addition of a diving board at the Chestnut Hill Pool. The Commission has officially supported the development of Jessica's Boundless Playground and has conferred with the Playground Committee on placement and fund raising opportunities. The Commission has facilitated the long awaited completion of Constantino Field which provides additional outdoor space for baseball, softball and soccer. The Commission has worked closely with the Recreation Department on program expansion, customer service and fiscal management. The Commission has worked in conjunction with the Recreation Department to provide outdoor lighting to the Chestnut Hill upper basket ball court to encourage further recreational opportunities for the community. The Commission has worked diligently to keep current programs vibrant and expand the opportunities for all Belchertown residents to engage in leisure activities.

The Belchertown Recreation Commission welcomed a new associate member The Commission includes: Megan Manitsas. Chairman; Shannon Synan. Vice Chair: Kelly Harris. Secretary; Lisa Gustafson: Andrew French; Edward Sokolowski; Karen Corey: Yosef Nimni. Associate member; and Tilo Schiffer Associate member.

Respectfully submitted.

Megan Manitsas. Chairman
Recreation Commission

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Recreation Dept. strives to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers. coaches. the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors. our seasonal programs/activities continue to be a success. We were once again able to offer a summer of fun with basketball. baseball, softball. tennis. and baton twirling. volleyball and soccer clinics. Yoga. Hiking. Little Chefs, Kayaking. Art. Math. and Science, remain successful as well as overwhelming popularity with our Summer D.A.Y.S program. We also offered a variety of new programs such as Lacrosse, Sing it Loud, Story Time Yoga. Sword-Fit, Bully-Proof. Safety and Self-Defense and Hypnosis for Health.

We continue our overall beautification of the town beach by renovating our concession stand. along with adding new sand to our beach area. We have also made improvements to the landscape. The enjoyable weather throughout the 2011 beach season brought back many familiar faces along with many new patrons to our daily attendance.

The community pool was closed for a minimal amount of time this past summer due to the CHCS school boiler replacement. Programs were diverted to the Town Beach and out of town area pools. We would like to thank our loyal patrons for their patients and understanding while boiler maintenance continued into the early fall. We currently offer the following programs; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning exercise classes, swim clinics and a swim team program. The pool is open to both youth and adults for lap swim, early a.m. and p.m. along with family swim time for the public. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday occupied. Area boys and girls organizations continue to use the facility.

The Teen Center provides a safe, drug free environment to all teens of Belchertown in which teens can play pool, ping pong, basketball, volleyball, foosball, air hockey, watch a movie, grab a snack and get help with their school work. Along with 7th thru 12th graders, this past year the center has extended their commitment making the center available to all 6th graders as well. The Teen Center continues to offer programming favorites such as cooking, Safe Sitter, Theatre and tutoring and has expanded programs such as rock climbing and caving due to popularity. The center now offers special events that include Night Time at the Teen Center and sponsored dances. In 2012 the center opened its doors to the community offering space for private birthday parties and organizational meetings.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the area businesses for their generous donation to sponsor our youth sports programs time after time. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time and talents that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of this town makes it possible for our department to offer a variety of programming.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o The Town of Belchertown or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill. The committee has the following voluntary members; Dr. Judith House, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Clare Popovich, Judith Dudek and Simon James, Chairperson. In the year of 2011 we awarded three scholarships of $400 each to Belchertown students Noah Scudere-Weiss, Alex Dzialo and Cianalyn Ricardi. We started the year with a balance of $888.07 and ended it with a balance of $1,935.21. The Scholarship Committee received donations of $1,919.14 and interest of $28.00. Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James
Scholarship Committee

SKATE PARK COMMITTEE

The Skate Park Committee and volunteers made some repairs to the Park during the summer of 2011. We hope these repairs will last through next fall. The Park still needs good materials and funding for long term repairs.

Members of the Committee met with the Recreation Department / Commission members on possible funding from them to make some long term repairs; they are not in any position to help us with funding unfortunately. Their recommendations were to find out who the original donators of the Skate Park were and seek possible additional funding for repairs.

We are hopeful to meet with the Town officials before the next budget season to see if monies can be appropriated for this need.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Voyer, Member
Skate Park Committee

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee has mainly concentrated on upcoming contract renewal negotiations with Charter Communications, in which our present contract ends in June of 2012. This is the most important task of the Committee and we have devoted most of our energies to this activity.

In July we requested and was granted a name change for the Belchertown Telecommunications Advisory Committee to Belchertown Technology Advisory Committee. A new mission statement was also written and is included at the end of this report. The Committee believed that a broader role should be developed for this Committee to the Town and act as a resource and sounding board for technology decisions for the town and schools.

Membership: A number of changes occurred in the makeup of the Committee. Presently, the members are:

Lew Louraine	Yosef Nimni
Michael Zoufaly	Jeromie Whalen
Frank Lomanno	

A word of thanks to our outgoing members. Joe Gohra, James Burke, Paul Nelson and Christofer deHahn. We welcome to the Committee our newest members Michael Zoufaly and Jeromie Whalen. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:
Frank Lomanno – Chair
Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations
Jeromie Whalen – Secretary

The liaison member between the Technology Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is Bill Barnett. We are pleased to have Bill as a liaison to the Committee, given his familiarity with Town government and issues.

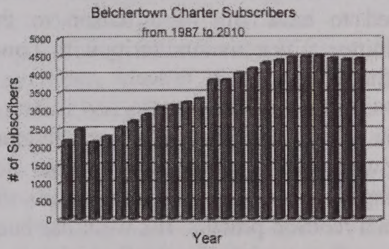
Again, this year I want to give individual acknowledgment to Lew Louraine for heading up the sub-committee on the contract renewal process. His work has been very much appreciated by the Committee.

Meetings: Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address: Our email address, technologycommittee@belchertown.org, serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site: Thanks to Jeromie Whalen for his effort in putting together the Committee's web page. Jeromie did a superb job in the design and implementation of the web site which he is also hosting the site for the Committee. Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The new web site can be accessed through following link:
http://www.pioneervalleyproductions.com/belchertowntech/

Number of Charter Subscribers: As indicated by the chart below, the number of subscribers to Charter has slightly decreased from the last contract. We expect to improve over the next 10 years; however this is very dependent on the economy and the growth of Belchertown and which obviously affects the contract negotiations:



Charter Contract Renewal: Our last contract in 2007 included:

- $150K Capital Grant (FRC)
- Yearly Subsidy (Franchise Fee) of $45K (increases 3% per annum)
- Town License Fee of 50¢/subscriber
- Senior/Disabled Citizen Discount (10% off BST)
- Credits For Service Interruption
- Current Fees
- FCC Regulatory Fee - 7¢/month
- State/Local License Fee – 11¢/month
- 50¢/sub per year paid to the town
- 80¢/sub per year paid to the state
- PEG Capital Grant (FRC) – 57¢/month
- Amortized over the term of the license
- Franchise Fee - 93¢/month

The focus of this year's effort was the Charter Communication's cable television license with the Town of Belchertown. The present contract will expire 2012. As the advisory group to the Selectmen, we have created a sub-Committee to address the renewal process. Lew Louraine is in charge of this task and is completing the contract negotiations and the required documentation. This contract does not cover anything but television services. This means any other Charter services, such as internet and telephone service, will have to wait for new FCC regulations to govern their applicability.

The Committee has received many emails and letters from Charter subscribers on various issues and comments concerning Charter service. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to write to us. Everything that was received has been made part of the documentation, and has been included in the contract renewal process.

In April of 2011, the Committee met with Tom Cohan, Regional Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, to discuss the upcoming Charter contract.

The Technology Advisory Committee met with the Belchertown Board of Selectmen in September 2011 to apprise them of our progress and time-line.

I met with the IT directors for the Town and School systems to discuss any needs or concerns they might have regarding the contract with Charter. Kevin Hannon, director for It for the Town, indicated he is putting forward a plan to upgrade the existing infrastructure for the Town. This might be part of the negotiations within the new contract. A Public Meeting is scheduled for January 2012.

Other: We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in setting up and maintaining our email for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Dept. of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Dept. of Telecommunications and Cable
Consumer Division
1000 Washington Street. Suite 820
Boston. MA 02118-6500

1-617-305-3531 or
1-800-392-6066 (toll free)
1-617-988-8288 (FAX)

Belchertown Technology Advisory Committee Mission: The mission of the Technology Advisory Committee is to advise the Town and Schools of Belchertown and provide support for successful technology utilization.

To meet this mission we will:

- Provide effective technology assistance and services to all areas of the Town.
- Promote and facilitate the effective integration of technology into the basic mission of the Town through planning, consulting, and other activities.
- Improve communication among Town departments on technology use and share ideas, information, services.
- To periodically provide a public forum in which representatives of the service providers, Town officials, Town residents and the media may meet to discuss the operations of Services Provider(s).
- Help the Town prepare for and manage the rapid change in technology.
- Promote new uses of information technology.
- Provide feedback and assistance for effective strategic and tactical planning in the use of technology
- Evaluate proposed agreements and contracts as put forth to the Town by any telecommunications and technology providers seeking to supply services within the Town, and to make recommendations to the Board regarding such proposals.

Respectfully Submitted.

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman
Technology Advisory Committee

VETERANS' GRAVES

For the year 2011. all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239. and VFW Post 8428 for their assistance in flagging Mt. Hope and South Cemeteries. Members of Scout Troop 57. as well as former selectman Al Roccanti. and Town Veteran's Agent Ray Janke. also assisted.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at South Cemetery.

On October 30, 2011. severe tree and property damage was suffered by all eight Belchertown cemeteries due to the early snow storm. It will take a very long time to clean them up.

Respectfully submitted.

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood. Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

The year 2011 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2011 would include:

(1) VA Aid and Attendance paperwork packages for family members dealing with an elderly Veteran or spouse who needs healthcare assistance;
(2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning PTSD/TBI: and.
(3) A streamlined process to file a VA disability claim or obtain VA medical care. My office will continue to provide assistance to Belchertown residents, organizations. and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted.

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

During 2011, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board: your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted.

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year, the Zoning Board of Appeals received six applications for Special Permits, one Appeal and one Variance. Four Special Permits were granted, one Special Permit was withdrawn by applicant and one Special Permit was denied. The Appeal was not heard due to applicant filing outside the 30-day appeal period. One Variance had been granted.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Lucey, Chairman
Gregory Galanek. Member
Robert Hislop, Member
Mark Hebert, Associate Member

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 9, 2011 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY11
Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order 7:10 PM
Registered voters present – 267 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Police Department Wage	$894.00	Town Administrator Salary
Police Department Wage	$1.000.00	Town Administrator Wage
Police Department Wage	$1.810.00	Assessors Wage
Police Department Wage	$630.00	Planning Board Salary
Police Department Wage	$1.680.00	Recreation Department Wage
Conservation Comm. Wage	$617.00	Town Accountant Salary
Conservation Comm. Wage	$678.00	Computing Salary
Conservation Comm. Wage	$564.00	Computing Wage
Conservation Comm. Wage	$608.00	Assessors Salary
Conservation Comm. Wage	$463.00	Town Clerk Salary
Conservation Comm. Wage	$320.00	Inspection Services Wage
Highway Department Wage	$617.00	Treasurer/Collector Salary
Highway Department Wage	$1.410.00	Treasurer/Collector Wage
Library Wage	$500.00	Town Clerk Wage
Library Wage	$250.00	Planning Board Wage
Library Wage	$561.00	Conservation Comm. Salary
Library Wage	$1,187.00	Police Department Salary
Library Wage	$722.00	Fire Department Salary
Library Wage	$636.00	EMS Salary
Library Wage	$593.00	Inspection Services Salary
Workers' Compensation	$6.380.00	Fire Dept. Wage/Full Time
Library Salary	$728.00	Highway Salary
Library Salary	$555.00	Council on Aging Salary
Library Salary	$555.00	Recreation Department Salary
Library Salary	$220.00	Teen Center Wage
Library Salary	$942.00	Sewer Wage
Landfill Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings	$5,170.00	Landfill Wage
Annual Town Reports	$541.00	Hydrant Service
Council on Aging Wage	$15,000.00	Streets Construction (Patch)
Interest on Debt	$5.000.00	Streets Construction (Patch)
General Insurance	$5.000.00	Road Machinery
Maintenance Wage	$9.000.00	Road Machinery
Heath Insurance-Town Share	$7.000.00	Road Machinery
Injured on Duty	$5.000.00	Assessors' Expense (Maps)

Unemployment	$7.000.00	Town Accountant Expense
Unemployment	$33.000.00	Snow & Ice Removal
Heath Insurance-Town Share	$40.000.00	Snow & Ice Removal
Free Cash	$27,000.00	Snow & Ice Removal

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, As previously amended. in the following prescribed manner:

In *91 Attachment 1,* Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan. make the following changes:

- **Remove** Management. Administrative or Professional Exempt in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

Director of Public Works	$62.292 - $74.749
Fire Chief	$62,292 - $74,749
Director of Emergency Medical Services	$62.292 - $74.749
Director of Computing	$59.268 - $74.749
Library Director	$56.063 - $68,520
Town Planner	$56.063 - $68,520
Police Lieutenant	$55.220 - $69.022
Conservation Administrator	$49,832 - $62,292
Town Treasurer-Collector	$49.832 - $62.292
Town Accountant	$49,832 - $62.292
Building Inspector	$49.832 - $62.292
Director of Assessments	$49.832 - $62,292
Senior Center Director	$43,606 - $56,063
Recreation Director	$43.606 - $56.063
Veterans' Agent	$31,524 - $42.032

In Classified Nonexempt Employees:

Correct the title of the following position:

- Correcting the title **from** Administrative Assistant to the Police Chief/Dispatch Supervisor **to** Administrative Secretary to the Police Chief/Dispatch Supervisor

In *91 Attachment 1,* Appendix B. Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

Remove compensation chart and **replace** with the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	8.98	9.35	9.71	10.11	10.51	10.95	11.36	11.81	12.31	12.80
2	10.78	11.22	11.68	12.13	12.60	13.12	13.64	14.17	14.79	15.34
3	11.86	12.35	12.83	13.34	13.87	14.46	15.02	15.62	16.24	16.88
4	13.02	13.57	14.10	14.66	15.26	15.87	16.52	17.18	17.86	18.57
5	14.36	14.93	15.51	16.16	16.80	17.44	18.18	18.88	19.63	20.44
6	15.79	16.40	17.09	17.75	18.45	19.22	19.98	20.78	21.61	22.48
7	17.37	18.06	18.79	19.53	20.32	21.12	21.97	22.86	23.77	24.70
8	18.24	18.95	19.72	20.51	21.33	22.18	23.08	24.00	24.96	25.95
9	19.14	19.92	20.69	21.55	22.38	23.29	24.22	25.21	26.21	27.27
10	20.09	20.93	21.74	22.63	23.51	24.45	25.42	26.45	27.49	28.61

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to rescind $204,539 of the borrowing authorizations voted at the May 8, 2006 and May 12, 2008 Annual Town Meetings for the costs associated with the Jackson Street Interceptor Project. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to approve an amendment of the limits, as voted at the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, of the following Revolving Funds:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Current Spending Limit	New Spending Limit
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$25,000.00	$50,000.00
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	100,000.00	$130.000.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of $100,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and the sum of $75.000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, for a total appropriation and transfer of $175,000.00. for the purpose of acquiring, for open space and conservation purposes, the property known as Holland Glen Forest, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 9, 2011
FY11

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$183,831.00	$27,000 to Snow & Ice Removal		$894.00 from Police Dept Wage to Town Administrator Salary; $1,000.00 from Police Dept Wage to Town Administrator Wage; $1,810.00 from Police Dept Wage to Assessor Wage; $630.00 from Police Dept Wage to Planning Board Salary; $1,680.00 from Police Dept Wage to Recreation Dept Wage; $617.00 from Conservation Comm. Wage to Town Accountant Salary; $678.00 from Conservation Comm. Wage to Computing Salary; $564.00 from Conservation Comm. Wage to Computing Wage; $608.00 from Conservation Comm. Wage to Assessors Salary; $463.00 Conservation Comm. Wage to Town Clerk Salary; $320.00 from Conservation Comm. Wage to Inspection Services Wage; $617.00 from Highway Dept Wage to Treasurer/Collector Salary; $1,410.00 from Highway Dept Wage to Treasurer/Collector Wage; $500.00 from Library Wage to Town Clerk Wage; $250.00 from Library Wage to planning Board Wage; $561.00 from Library Wage to Conservation Comm. Salary; $1,187.00 from Library Wage to Police Dept Salary; $722.00 from Library Wage to Fire Dept Salary; $636.00 from Library Wage to EMS Salary; $593.00 from Library Wage to Inspection Services Salary; $6,380.00 from Workers' Compensation to Fire Dept Wage/Full Time; $728.00 from Library Salary to Highway Salary; $555.00 from Library Salary to Council on Aging Salary; $555.00 from Library Salary to Recreation Dept Salary; $220.00 from Library Salary to Teen Center Wage; $942.00 from Library Salary to Sewer Wage; $5,170.00 from Landfill Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Landfill Wage; $541.00 from Annual

				Town Reports to Hydrant Service; $15,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Street Construction (Patch); $5,000.00 Interest on Debt to Streets Construction (Patch); $5,000.00 from General Insurance to Road Machinery; $9,000.00 from Maintenance Wage to Road Machinery; $7,000.00 from Health Insurance-Town Share to Road Machinery; $5,000.00 from injured on Duty to Assessors' Expense (Maps); $7,000.00 from Unemployment to Town Accountant Expense; $33,000.00 from Unemployment to Snow & Ice Removal; $40,000.00 from Health Insurance TO Snow & Ice Removal
2	None			
3	($204,539.00)		($204,539.00)	
4	None			
5	$175,000.00			$100,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and $75,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of acquiring property known as Holland Glen Forest
TOTAL	**$358,831.00** **($204,539.00)**	**$27,000.00**	**($204,539.00)**	**$331,831.00**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 9, 2011 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY12

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order 7:35 PM
Registered voters present – 267 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Members of the Belchertown High School Band
Selectman George D. Archible presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to the Band Boosters organization. Linda Tsoumas accepted the award on behalf of the Band Boosters.
Selectman James A. Barry presented the Employee of the Year Award to Donna M. Lusignan.
Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Robert J. Rizzo.
Selectman William R. Barnett presented the William "Gerry" Whitlock Award to Terry Scott Nagel.

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year.

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

A Trustee of the Calvin Bridgeman Fund for three years was needed. No motion was made from the floor. This position remains vacant.

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $2,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,614,694.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $7,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,621,694.00 for General Government. each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 for General Government – Lakes Committee for the purpose of vegetation control treatment for all or portions of Lake Arcadia and Lake Metacomet. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2.696.989.00 and appropriate the sum of $420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $3,116,989.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $24.600,898.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $273,000.00, for a total appropriation of $24,873,898.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $935,891.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,453,490.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $272,000.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $28,623.00 for a total appropriation of $300,623.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $216.356.00. and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $77,447.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1.353,000.00 for a total appropriation of $1,646,803.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $726.478.00 for the Human Services Departments. each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $711.799.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $746.383.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,036,659.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $252,000.00. for a total appropriation of $3.288.659.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts. each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,673.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3.369,410.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44. Section 53 E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1. 2011 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials. for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	$10.000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	$15.000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$50,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	$130,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	$15.000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	$150.000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown. Chapter 91, Personnel. as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan. make the following changes:

In Management. Administrative or Professional Exempt

In *91 Attachment 1,* Appendix A. Town Classification-Compensation Plan. make the following changes:

➢ **Remove** Management. Administrative or Professional Exempt in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

Director of Public Works	$62,915 - $75.496
Fire Chief	$62.915 - $75,496
Director of Emergency Medical Services	$62,915 - $75.496
Director of Computing	$59,861 - $75,496
Library Director	$56.624 - $69.205
Town Planner	$56,624 - $69,205
Police Lieutenant	$55,772 - $69,712

Conservation Administrator	$50,330 - $62,915
Town Treasurer-Collector	$50,330 - $62,915
Town Accountant	$50,330 - $62,915
Building Inspector	$50,330 - $62,915
Director of Assessments	$50,330 - $62,915
Senior Center Director	$44,042 - $56,624
Recreation Director	$44.042 - $56.624
Veterans' Agent	$31,389 - $42.452

In Classified Nonexempt Employees

ADD the following title and grade:

- Director of Emergency Medical Services: Grade 10

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

REMOVE compensation chart and **REPLACE** with the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2011

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	9.07	9.44	9.81	10.21	10.62	11.06	11.47	11.93	12.43	12.93
2	10.89	11.33	11.80	12.25	12.73	13.25	13.78	14.31	14.94	15.49
3	11.98	12.47	12.96	13.47	14.01	14.60	15.17	15.78	16.40	17.05
4	13.15	13.71	14.24	14.81	15.41	16.03	16.69	17.35	18.04	18.76
5	14.50	15.08	15.67	16.32	16.97	17.61	18.36	19.07	19.83	20.64
6	15.95	16.56	17.26	17.93	18.63	19.41	20.18	20.99	21.83	22.70
7	17.54	18.24	18.98	19.73	20.52	21.33	22.19	23.09	24.01	24.95
8	18.42	19.14	19.92	20.72	21.54	22.40	23.31	24.24	25.21	26.21
9	19.33	20.12	20.90	21.77	22.60	23.52	24.46	25.46	26.47	27.54
10	20.29	21.14	21.96	22.86	23.75	24.69	25.67	26.71	27.76	28.90

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to accept the following named way within the Town of Belchertown as a public way: "Rivers Edge Subdivision" – Clover Hill Road as shown on the "Street Acceptance Plan" and "As-Built Condition Plan", provided by Mark G. Jackson, Neil M. Jackson & William R. Peeso (owners), surveyed by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveyors and Engineers, final plan dated January 4, 2011 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 224, Page 109. and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the necessary easements in the subject way all related drainage easements. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. or others. for a period of up to twenty (20) years. for the purchase of infrastructure improvements including but not limited to heating and ventilation. lighting and controls, energy management systems. insulation, equipment, materials and supplies for the Town-owned buildings. under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from savings derived from energy conservation measures, utility rebates and grants. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a financing agreement, for a term of more than three years, and a related escrow account agreement, in an amount not to exceed $3.312,000.00, for the purpose of funding energy management services for Town-owned buildings under the Energy Savings Performance Contract. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,312,000.00 for the purchase of infrastructure improvements including but not limited to heating and ventilation, lighting and controls, energy management systems, insulation, equipment. materials and supplies for the Town-owned buildings, under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from savings derived from energy conservation measures, utility rebates and grants, for a period of up to a twenty (20) years under an Energy Savings Performance Contract and to meet this appropriation, the treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.7 (3B) or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further that to the extent that any State. Federal or other funds are or become available for the purposes set forth above. the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for. accept and expend such funds: and to authorize the Town to assess one hundred percent of the project costs to the line-items under which savings will be realized hereunder. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended. concerning site plan approval by deleting in its entirety Article VII. §145-27, Site plan approval and §145-28. Site plan review, by substituting therefore the proposed new §145-27, Site plan approval and reserving §145-28 for future use, and to amend Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, by changing all uses noted as “PR” to “PA” for consistency. as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board (and as printed below):

§ 145-27. Site plan approval.

A. Purpose. The purpose of site plan approval is to ensure that the design and layout of new developments comply with the purpose and intent of this chapter, result in attractive and viable growth, and are not detrimental to the neighborhood, environment or community.

B. Project requiring site plan approval.

(1) No special permit or building permit shall be issued for any of the following uses unless a site plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board in accord

with Subsection D(3)(a). after consultation with other boards, including but not limited to the following: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Town Consulting Engineer, Belchertown Water District (if applicable), other water or sewer districts (if applicable), Historical Commission. Fire Department and Police Department:

(a) New construction or exterior additions to a commercial structure;
(b) New construction or exterior additions to an industrial structure;
(c) New construction or exterior additions to a multiple-dwelling structure in a Multiple-Dwelling Residential District (MDR);
(d) Construction or expansion of a parking lot for a municipal, institutional. commercial, business, industrial or multi-family structure or use; or
(e) Any other use specified in § 145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, which indicates that site plan approval is required.

(2) The Planning Board may waive any of the procedures in section D or site plan contents in section E as long as such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of this chapter.

C. Exemptions from site plan approval. Site plan approval shall not be required for:

(1) The construction or enlargement of any single-family or two-family dwelling or building accessory to such dwelling;
(2) The construction or alteration of any building used exclusively for agriculture, horticulture or floriculture;
(3) Construction or alteration providing for not more than 200 square foot total floor area after construction;
(4) Customary home occupations as described in § 145-25 of this chapter.

D. Procedures for site plan approval.

(1) A review fee shall be charged for each site plan approval application in order to cover expenses connected with processing, review and any public meeting costs associated with the review of the site plan. The fee charged shall be noted on a schedule of planning board fees available in the planning office and the town clerk's office. The fee shall be sufficient to cover the costs of advertisement and mailings and outside professional consultants, including but not limited to engineering, planning, architectural and/or legal consultants. for each application proposing construction or alteration, or for each modification or alteration of an approved site plan. The full cost of any town engineering or planning consultant services shall be paid by the applicant before any site plan approval becomes effective.

(2) Each application for site plan approval shall contain the current owner of record's signed permission and shall be accompanied by 10 copies of the site plan, 12 copies if review by a Water District is necessary. Failure of boards and officials to make recommendations to the Planning Board within 14 days of the application filing date shall be deemed to be a lack

of opposition. Any board or official may waive the fourteen-day period by so indicating on the application.

(3) Period of review.

(a) All applications for site plan approval shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Board. For site plan approval applications that coincide with a special permit to be decided by the Planning Board, the schedule and requirements of the special permit determination shall apply. A separate public hearing for a simultaneous site plan approval application is not required. When another board is the special permit granting authority, the Planning Board shall not require an additional separate public hearing. For site plan applications that do not require a special permit, the Planning Board shall, within 35 days of the application filing date, take final action in accordance with Subsection G or make a determination pursuant to Subsection D(3)(b) that a public hearing is necessary. If a public hearing is determined to be necessary. the schedule and requirements of a special permit shall apply.

(b) The Planning Board may determine that a public hearing for a site plan is necessary when the proposed use or uses would:

[1] Affect traffic circulation adversely.

[2] Affect environmental resources. such as surface or ground waters.

[3] Result in extensive earth removal and change of grades.

[4] Affect significantly the capacity of public infrastructure. such as sewer or water service provision.

E. Required site plan contents.

(1) All site plans shall be prepared by an architect. landscape architect or professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts on standard twenty-four-inch by thirty-six-inch sheets, unless these requirements are waived by the Planning Board. Site plans shall be prepared at a sufficient scale to show:

(a) The location and boundaries of the lot, adjacent streets and ways and the location and owners' names of all adjacent properties.

(b) Existing and proposed topography, including contours, the location of wetlands, streams, water bodies. drainage swales, areas subject to flooding and unique natural features.

(c) Existing and proposed structures, including dimensions and elevations.

(d) The location of parking and loading areas, driveways. walkways and access and egress points.

(e) The location and description of all proposed septic systems, water supply, storm drainage systems, utilities and other waste disposal and storage methods.

(f) Existing and proposed stormwater runoff calculations and control plan.

(g) Proposed landscape features. including the location and description of screening. fencing and plantings.

(h) The location, dimensions. height and characteristics of proposed signs.

(i) The location and a description of proposed open or recreation areas.

(2) The plan shall describe estimated daily and peak-hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and form the site and adequate circulation within the site. A detailed traffic generation statement is required for uses that would add 40 or more peak hour trips.

(3) A plan for the control of erosion, dust, and silt, both during and after construction sequencing, temporary and permanent erosion control, and protection of water bodies.

(4) The Planning Board may require additional information to adequately evaluate the proposed site plan.

F. Site plan approval criteria guidelines.

(1) The following guidelines shall be used as criteria by the aforementioned boards and officials noted in Subsection B(1) in the review and evaluation of a site plan, consistent with a reasonable use of the site for the purposes permitted or permissible by the regulations of the district in which it is located:

(a) If the proposal requires a special permit, it must conform to the special permit requirements as listed in §145-69 of this chapter.

(b) The development shall be integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape and shall be designed to protect abutting properties and community amenities. Building sites shall, to the extent feasible:

[1] Minimize use of wetlands, steep slopes, floodplains and hilltops;

[2] Minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;

[3] Preserve unique natural or historic features;

[4] Minimize tree, vegetation and soil removal and grade changes;

[5] Maximize open space retention; and

[6] Screen objectionable features, such as lighting, utility structures, outdoor storage or other such features, from neighboring properties and roadways.

(c) The development shall be served with adequate water supply and waste disposal systems. "Adequate" means the development shall not place an excessive demand on public infrastructure and resources.

(d) The plan shall maximize the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent ways.

(e) The site plan shall show adequate measures to prevent pollution of surface or ground water, to minimize erosion and sedimentation and to prevent changes in groundwater levels, increased runoff and potential for flooding. Drainage shall be designed so that runoff shall not be increased, groundwater recharge is maximized and neighboring properties will not be adversely affected.

(f) Exposed storage areas, machinery, service areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures and other unsightly uses shall be set back or screened to protect the neighbors from these objectionable features.

(g) In all cases, setback and dimensions as described in Article V of the zoning bylaw must be honored and can not be waived. The site plan shall comply with all zoning requirements for parking, loading and environmental performance standards and all provisions of this chapter. However, strict compliance with any zoning bylaw governing any individual aspect of a site plan, other than setbacks and dimensions, may be waived by the Planning Board where such action is in not detrimental to the public good. In such cases, any waiver on a site plan with approval from the Planning Board supersedes the individual bylaw governing the waiver. If the applicant requests a waiver, it is incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate the viability of the proposed waiver. The Planning Board reserves the right to request a waiver when the board deems it appropriate, even if the applicant does not request a waiver.

(2) Before approval of a site plan, the Planning Board may request the applicant to make modifications in the proposed design of the project to ensure that the above criteria are met.

G. Final action.

(1) The Planning Board's final action shall consist of either:

(a) A determination that the proposed project meets the criteria of Subsection F for site plan approval, stating the specific manner and criteria in which the proposed project conforms to this chapter;

(b) A written denial of the application stating the reasons by which the submitted application and site plan are incomplete for sufficient review by the Planning Board and/or its agents; or

(c) Approval subject to any conditions, modifications and restrictions as the Planning Board may deem necessary.

(2) The Planning Board's decision shall be sent by certified mail to the applicant and shall be filed with the Town Clerk within seven days of the date of the final determination by the Planning Board pertaining to any such plan approval. A copy shall also be sent to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer.

H. Enforcement.

(1) **Security for Incomplete Work** The Planning Board may require the posting of a performance guaranty, in the form of a deposit of money made out to the Town of Belchertown or a bond, in an amount determined by the Planning Board to be sufficient to cover the costs of all or any part of the improvements required per the approved site plan and outstanding conditions affecting public facilities, such as roads or drainage, or public health, safety or general welfare. The Planning Board, through the action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, may suspend any license or permit when work is not performed as required. The security or guaranty is to

ensure that the incomplete work is completed within a reasonable time. The Planning Board shall establish a deadline for completion of not more than one year from the posting of the security. This allowance is subject to the review by the Planning Board by a site inspection to ensure the safety and health for those who occupy the structure and use the site. If the Planning Board requires a performance guaranty, the guaranty must be posted before the site plan may be approved.

Each site plan must include a total construction estimate with an inflation factor added to it. Security is to be provided to cover all work involving public property, all drainage and storm water structures, and additional amounts to cover any health and safety hazards resulting from incomplete work on the site.

The Planning Board must sign a certificate of completion for any security or guaranty to be released.

(2) **Certificate of Occupancy** No occupancy permit shall be issued for any building or structure, or portion thereof, until the Building Inspector receives certification from a registered architect, landscape architect, engineer or land surveyor, that all construction (including utilities) has been done in accordance with the approved site plan (not required for site plans for structures less than 5,000 sq. ft.). The Building Inspector may issue a conditional certificate of occupancy to allow a tenant to operate before full site completion, but this is issued at the tenant's and property owner's risk of rescission in the event that the site work is incomplete by the required date. The Building Inspector and Planning Board shall require a performance guaranty to cover any unfinished site items shown on the approved site plan during the conditional occupancy.

I. Modification of an approved site plan.

(1) In the event that the applicant desires to alter, modify or correct an approved site plan, the applicant shall provide the Planning Board with:
  (a) A written statement, signed by the applicant and property owner, requesting such changes;
  (b) Seven prints of the original approved site plan with the changes drawn on said plan in red: and
  (c) Other documentation deemed necessary by the Board for its review of the proposed modification.

(2) Minor amendments to an approved site plan may be granted by the Planning Board, upon application and for good cause shown, and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to initial approval of a site plan. The Board may require a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of Subsection D(3) if it considers the proposed modification to be potentially detrimental to the neighborhood, community or environment.

(3) The Planning Board shall file its decision on the alteration, modification or corrections to an approved site plan with the Town Clerk and send a copy by certified mail to the applicant. The Planning Board shall notify the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer of its site plan amendment decision.

J. Appeals and expiration.

(1) Decisions on site plan applications reviewed by the Planning Board may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with § 145-68A of this chapter and with MGL c. 40A, §§ 8 and 15. Decisions on site plans reviewed by a special permit granting authority as part of a special permit application may be appealed to the appropriate Massachusetts trial court in accordance with MGL c. 40A, § 17.

(2) Site plan approval issued under this section shall expire within two years if a substantial use thereof is not commenced, except for good cause.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3/ required - Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to amend the Town of Belchertown Zoning By-Law – Zoning Map, as previously amended, by modifying the zoning of property owned by Qianlong US Boston, LLC, for 336 Chauncey Walker Street, Map 262, portions of Lots 19, 19.01, and 26, specifically, part of Lot 19 from present zones Ag-A (Primary Agriculture) to MDR (Multiple Dwelling Residential), part of Lot 19.01 from MDR (Multiple Dwelling Residential) to Ag-A (Primary Agriculture), and part of Lot 26 from AG-A (Primary Agriculture) to MDR (Multiple Dwelling Residential), as identified on "Plan of land in Belchertown, Mass., Prepared for Qianlong USBoston, LLC, Zone Line Revision, (project number 09097A), date 4/29/11, by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveying & Engineering, 3 Converse Street, Palmer, Mass., 01069. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3/ required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 *Voted not amend* to amend Section 145-5 of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the parcels identified on the Town Assessors' maps as Map 109 Lot 45, Map 109 Lot 45.04, and Map 110 Lot 29, also known as 10 and 18 Depot Street, as petitioned by Kevin Bowler, from VR, Village Residential, to B1, Limited Business. (Planning Board vote 2-2-0)

Before vote, Kevin Bowler spoke of his intentions with the former church and rectory.

(Vote – 2/3/ required – Majority No – *Did Not Pass)*

Article 19 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $11,978.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2012; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $23,956.00 from FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- $23,956.00 from FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- $23,956.00 from FY 2012 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

And further to appropriate and transfer $53,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 20 Voted to appropriate and transfer $60,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the purpose of acquiring and/or creating recreational land, including the construction of Jessica's Boundless Playground. with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Department of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

Before the vote a discussion took place to incorporate elements in the playground that will include disabled children.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of $4,600.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve for Grave Stone preservation and restoration at the historic South Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of $10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve and $10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, for a total appropriation and transfer of $20,000.00, for the purpose of preserving the historic Clapp Memorial Library, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Clapp Memorial Library Trustees; and. further. authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement. which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of $4,800.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for the rehabilitation and restoration of Lake Wallace and Foley field, including. without limitation, for the purpose of making infrastructure improvements by purchasing and installing ADA Picnic Tables at Lake Wallace and Foley Field, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the School Department of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted to *Take No Action* on accepting Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 48, Section 58E, which by acceptance will allow applicants for positions in and members of the regular Fire Department, to reside outside of the Town`s limits, provided they reside within the Commonwealth and within ten miles of the limits of the Town.

A Motion was made to take no action on Article 24.

(Vote – *Take No Action* – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to *Take No Action* on accepting Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 48, Section 59A, specific to mutual aid resources.

A motion was made to Take No Action on Article 25.

(Vote – *Take No Action* – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting Adjourned 9:29PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2011
FY12

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	$100.00	100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	2,500.00					2,500.00 from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.
8	None						
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	1,621,694.00					
	1. Moderator, Salary		0				
	Expenses		0				
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00				
	Wages		0				
	Expenses		4,516.00				
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		92,219.00				
	Wages		99,325.00				
	Expenses		8,091.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		62,915.00				
	Wages		97,300.00				
	Expenses		23,575.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		48,194.00				
	Wages		53,000.00				
	Expenses		12,520.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		62,915.00				
	Wages		150,800.00				
	Expenses		60,325.00				
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		56,117.00				
	Wages		59,710.00				
	Expenses		157,377.00				
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		62,915.00				
	Wages		191,270.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	Expenses		18,300.00				
	Field Review Update		0				
	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0				
	10. Finance Committee, Expenses		250.00				
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00				
	Wages		14,500.00				
	Expenses		13,320.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		64,472.00				
	Wages		27,180.00				
	Expenses		3,225.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00				
	Expenses		695.00				
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00				
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00				
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		50,501.00				7,000.00 from Wetlands Hearing Fees Account
	Wages		5,600.00				
	Expenses		1,617.00				
	18A. Lake Committee Expenses	30,000.00	30,000				
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	**3,116,989.00**					
	19. Police Department, Salary		81,341.00				
	Wages		1,458,750.00				
	Expenses		316,748.00				
	20. Emergency Medical Svcs. Salary						65,370.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Wages		110,570.00				354,630.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		138,865.00				
	21. Fire Department, Salary		74,657.00				
	Full Time Wages		120,960.00				
	Wages		72,100.00				
	Expenses		113,627.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		24,856.00				
	24. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		21,120.00				
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Officer)		3,600.00				
	Wages		10,500.00				
	Expenses		7,610.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		61,033.00				
	Wages		56,132.00				
	Expenses		15,000.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00				
	Expenses		1,170.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**24,873,898.00**					
	27. Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		23,041,891.00	273,000.00			
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,559,007.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**935,891.00**					
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		935,891.00				
	DPW – Highways	**1,453,490.00**					
	29. DPW-Highways/Personnel,						
	Salary		75,265.00				
	Wages		591,800.00				
	Uniforms		11,900.00				
	Expenses		750.00				
	30. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		13,550.00				
	31. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		227,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		160,625.00				
	33. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		117,000.00				
	34. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		34,050.00				
	35. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		141,500.00				
	36. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		52,000.00				
	37. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		28,050.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	300,623.00					
	Wages						81,670.00.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses						190,330.00 from Landfill Receipts; 28,623.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day						
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	1,646,803.00					
	Wages		151,823.00				77,447.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash
	Expenses						477,963.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt						770,562.00 from Sewer receipts
	39. Maturing Debt Interest		64,533.00				104,475.00 from Sewer receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	726,478.00					
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00				
	Wages		5,000.00				
	Expenses		9,607.00				
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		56,624.00				
	Wages		338,120.00				
	Expenses		33,980.00				
	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		42,452.00				
	Agent Expenses		1,940.00				
	Veterans Benefits		206,400.00				
	43. Veterans Graves-Expenses		1,480.00				
	44. DPW – Cemetery Department - Wages		0				
	Expenses		27,950.00				
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	711,799.00					
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		62,891.00				
	Wages		226,320.00				
	Expenses		94,789.00				
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		56,624.00				
	Wages		183,100.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	Expenses		9,165.00				
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		34,880.00				
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach Expenses		3,400.00				
	50. Teen Center, Wages		31,800.00				
	Expenses		2,830.00				
	51. Family Center, Expenses		6,000.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**746,383.00**					
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		340,200.00				
	Expenses		76,975.00				
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		59,040.00				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		3,650.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		7,960.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		11,525.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		57,080.00				
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		31,778.00				
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		51,100.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		12,525.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		29,780.00				
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		3,000.00				
	64. DPW-Fire Station., Expenses		38,760.00				
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,590.00				
	66. DPW-Tagell/MEME Space, Expenses		20,820.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	**3,288,659.00**					
	67. General insurance, Expense		36,151.00		252,000.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		32,000.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		8,000.00				
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		1,025,000.00				
	71. Group Life insurance, Expenses		4,400.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		87,000.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses		1,844,108.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	59,673.00					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		3,350.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		55,175.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	3,369,410.00					
	79. Interest, Expenses		899,410.00				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,470,000.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (Total)	7,500.00					
	81.Council of Governments, Assessment		7,500.00				
10-14	None						
15	Energy Performance Contract	3,312,000.00				3,312,000.00	
16-18	None						
19	Community Preservation Admin Expense	11,978.00					11,978.00 from FY12 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Open Space	23,956.00					23,956.00 from FY12 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic District Resources	23,956.00					23,956.00 from FY12 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	23,956.00					23,956.00 FY12 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation – Pay debt service on bonds issued under Art.26, May 10,2010 Annual Town Meeting	53,000.00					53,000. from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve
20	CPA-Jessica's Boundless Playground	60,000.00					60,000.00 from CPA Fund estimated revenues
21	CPA-South Cemetery Grave Stone Preservation	4,600.000					4,600.00 from CPA Historic Preservation reserve
22	CPA-Clapp Memorial Library	20,000.00					10,000.00 from CPA Fund Historic Preservation Reserve and 10,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund
23	CPA-Lake Wallace and Foley Field	4,800.00					4,800.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
24-25	None						
TOTAL		46,460,136.00	40,236,320.00	273,000.00	252,000.00	3,312,000.00	2,386,816.00

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 16, 2011

OFFICE	*Denotes Elected NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen	James A. Barry		263	266	236	253	1018
3 years	* Brenda Q. Aldrich		270	268	408	205	1151
Vote for one	Curtis B. Carrol		28	32	41	25	126
	George Archible		1	1	0	2	4
	Richard Fritsch		1	1	1	0	3
	Matthew Jackson		1	1	3	0	5
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	23	30	30	9	92
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399
School Committee	* Linda J. Tsoumas		430	463	527	347	1767
3 years	* Eric L. Weiss		423	428	487	346	1684
Vote for two	Margaruerite Brennan		0	1	0	0	1
	Patricia Courtney		0	1	0	1	2
	Robert Hansbury		0	1	0	0	1
	Erena Meehan		0	0	0	1	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blanks	321	304	424	293	1342
		Total	1174	1198	1438	988	4798
Planning Board	* Mark H. Andrews		421	435	513	332	1701
5 years	James Barry		0	0	0	1	1
Vote for one	Paul Beachelle		0	0	0	1	1
	Andrew Drawec		0	0	1	0	1
	Michael Forgue		0	1	0	0	1
	Walter Henry		0	0	1	0	1
	Mark Lindholt		0	0	1	0	1
	Bill Scotty		0	1	0	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	166	162	203	160	691
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399
Housing Authority	* Martina D. Robinson		393	440	482	346	1661
5 years	Christina Aponte		0	0	1	0	1
Vote for one	Andrew Drawec		0	0	4	0	4
	Michael Forgue		0	1	0	0	1
	James Thompson		0	1	5	0	6
	Jeffrey Thompson		0	0	1	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	194	157	226	148	725
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 16, 2011

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Assessors	* Thomas A. Barry		369	407	478	308	1562
3 years	Nali Aliengena		0	1	0	0	1
	Dennis Boivin		0	0	0	1	1
Vote for one	Michael Forgue		0	1	0	0	1
	Dennis Gosselin		0	0	1	0	1
	William Huber		0	0	1	0	1
	Matthew Jacksom		0	0	0	1	1
	Donald Minney		0	1	2	0	3
	Matthew Tarpey		0	0	0	1	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	218	189	237	183	827
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Health	* Sean J. Cleary		406	412	485	323	1626
3 years	* Robert B. Hutchinson		406	436	505	330	1677
Vote for Two	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	362	350	448	335	1495
		Total	1174	1198	1438	988	4798
Moderator	* Frances J. South		410	450	515	361	1736
3 years	Paul Beachelle		0	0	0	1	1
Vote for one	Kate Higgins-Shea		0	0	1	0	1
	Tom Grady		0	1	0	0	1
	Terry Nagel		0	0	1	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	177	148	202	132	659
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399
Councilor-Hampshire	* William R. Barnett		435	447	533	370	1785
Council of Governments	* Simon R. James		363	397	438	289	1487
2 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
Vote for two		Blank	376	354	467	329	1526
		Total	1174	1198	1438	988	4798
Question: Shall the Town of Belchertown cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinary and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?	* YES		335	356	463	276	1430
	NO		154	122	175	125	576
		Blank	98	121	81	93	393
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 16, 2011

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
RECALL VOTE							
		PRECINCT	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
* For the recall of Selectman James A. Barry.			285	285	420	193	1183
Against the recall of Selectman James A. Barry.			290	300	278	287	1155
		Blank	12	14	21	14	61
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399
Selectman	Brenda Aldrich		20	20	30	13	83
Term ending 5/16/2011	George Archible		0	0	1	0	1
Vote for one	Paul Anziano		0	0	1	0	1
	James Barry		23	31	9	25	88
	Charissa Brown		0	0	0	1	1
	Curtis Carroll		5	2	3	1	11
	Andrew Drawec		0	1	0	0	1
	Kenneth Elstein		0	0	0	1	1
	Richard Fritsch		0	0	1	0	1
	Gerald Grasso		0	0	1	0	1
	Richard Fritsch		0	0	0	1	1
	Robert Hansbury		0	0	0	1	1
	William Huber		0	6	3	0	9
	Matthew Jackson		0	1	1	0	2
	Jeffrey Oldenberg		0	0	1	0	1
	Richard Serrano		0	0	1	0	1
	Alfred Roccanti		0	0	1	0	1
	David Villegas		0	0	0	1	1
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	539	538	666	450	2193
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
For the recall of Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein.			251	257	393	169	1070
* Against the recall of Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein.			318	324	292	310	1244
		Blank	18	18	34	15	85
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

(RECALL DID NOT PASS. VOTES CAST FOR REPLACEMENT NOT OFFICIALLY COUNTED)

Selectman	Kenneth E. Elstein		249	244	195	255	943
Term ending 5/2012	Matthew S. Jackson		225	238	375	166	1004
Vote for one	Curtiss Carroll		0	1	0	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	113	116	149	73	451
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 16, 2011

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
For the recall of Selectman George D. Archible.			231	253	372	158	1014
* Against the recall of Selectman George D. Archible.			340	327	322	323	1312
		Blank	16	19	25	13	73
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399
(RECALL DID NOT PASS. VOTES CAST FOR REPLACEMENT NOT OFFICIALLY COUNTED)							
Selectman	George D. Archible		271	255	240	261	1027
Term ending 5/2013	Richard J. Fritsch		152	184	213	105	654
Vote for one	William J. Huber		59	45	132	53	289
	Brenda Aldrich		0	1	0	0	1
	James Barry		0	1	0	0	1
	Curtis Carroll		0	1	0	0	1
	Matthew jackson		0	1	0	0	1
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	105	111	134	75	425
		Total	587	599	719	494	2399

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	620	668	720	706	2714
	Republican	299	371	416	228	1314
	Unenrolled	1239	1360	1471	1131	5201
	Green Rainbow	4	2	2	11	19
	Other	4	23	10	10	47
	Total	2166	2424	2619	2086	9295

Vote Cast on 5/16/2011

	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
25.8% Voted		587	599	719	494	2399

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

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[illegible]	[illegible]	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
[illegible]			331	153	[illegible]	197	1014
[illegible]			365	327	392	325	1312
		Blank	22	19	25	13	73
		Total	[illegible]	596	719	494	2309

[illegible] (NOT OFFICIALLY COUNTED)

			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
[illegible]	[illegible]		271	252	243	261	1027
[illegible]	[illegible]		113	184	212	105	624
[illegible]	[illegible]		25	46	132	37	280
	[illegible]		0	4	0	0	4
	[illegible]		0	1	0	0	1
	[illegible]		0	1	0	0	1
	[illegible]		0	1	0	0	1
	[illegible]		0	0	0	0	6
		Blank	105	111	136	78	430
		Total	497	599	715	494	2309

[illegible]	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	[illegible]	609	686	720	702	2716
	[illegible]	299	371	410	273	1354
	[illegible]	1238	1309	1471	1331	5201
	[illegible]	4	2	2	11	19
	Other	5	23	10	10	47
	Total	2155	2370	2611	2326	9353

[illegible]

	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	[illegible]	497	598	719	494	2308

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2012 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2013
Ellen Lachance	5/2013

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2014
Carol Wagner *(appt 1/11/12)*	5/2014
Monika Schrauder	5/2013

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

Simon James *(resigned 6/1/12)*	5/2013
William R. Barnett	5/2013
Donald L. Minney	5/2014
Kyle Vincent	5/2014

Board of Assessors

William J. Huber	5/2012
Thomas A. Barry	5/2014
Donald L. Minney *(elected 5/12)*	5/2015
Raymond G. Goff *(elected 5/12)*	5/2013

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2013
Gary R. Racicot	5/2013
Sean J. Cleary	5/2014
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2014
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2015

Housing Authority

F. Knowlton Utley	5/2013
Sally M. Dodge	5/2014
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2015
Martina D. Robinson	5/2016
Vacant *(State Mbr)*	

Moderator

Frances J. South	5/2014

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2012
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2015
Francesco Dell'Olio *(elected 11/6/12)*	11/2017

Planning Board

Louis Faassen	5/2013
James J. Natle	5/2014
George R. Synan	5/2015
Mark H. Andrews	5/2016
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2017

School Committee

Paul G. Anziano	5/2012
Beverly Phaneuf	5/2013
Eric L. Weiss	5/2014
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2014
Clare Popowich	5/2015
Richard J. Fritsch	5/2015

Board of Selectmen

George D. Archible	5/2013
William R. Barnett	5/2013
Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2014
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2015
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2015

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2015

2012 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

John White – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/13
Matthew J. Kotowski-Assoc Mbr	6/30/13
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/13
Hope Guardenier	6/30/13
Grace Adzima	6/30/14
Will Shattuck	6/30/14
Alan Page	6/30/15

Animal Control Advisory Board

John Wellman *(resigned 1/23/12)*	6/30/14
Irene Spring *(resigned 4/9/12)*	6/30/12
Joan D'Ambrosia	6/30/12
Nicole A. Miner	6/30/13
Carol Mae Wagner	6/30/13
Audrey Safford	6/30/14
Brian Breveleri	6/30/14
Carol Kasabian *(appt 3/12/2012)*	6/30/14
Marlene Layman *(appt 5/29/12)*	6/30/15
Sonya Hawkins *(appt 8/13/12)*	6/30/15

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/13

Assistant Animal Control Officers

Janet Lipscomb	4/30/13
Angela Gaj	4/30/13
Carla Brooks	4/30/13

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/13

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/13

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc. (WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee

Edwina Cruise - At-Large Mbr	6/30/13
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/14
Judy Healy	6/30/14
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Mbr	6/30/15
Linda Leduc - Conservation Commission Mbr	6/30/15
Megan Manitsas - Recreation Commission Mbr	6/30/15
Tracey Thompson – Housing Authority Mbr	6/30/15
Leslie Squires - Historical Commission Mbr	6/30/15

Conservation Commission

Edward T. Knight	6/30/13
John Henry	6/30/13
Polly Prunuske – Associate Mbr	6/30/13
Eric Wojtowicz – Associate Mbr *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/13
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/14
Linda Leduc	6/30/14
David M. Haines	6/30/15
Michael Cavatorta	6/30/15
Jon M. Clements	6/30/15

Council on Aging

Erica Morrisoin-Brazitis	6/30/12
Esther Pierce	6/30/12
Patricia Kleeberg	6/30/12
Erin Lamoureux - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
Sandy Riley – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/12
Jill Chaban – Assoc Mbr	6/30/12
Patricia Kleeberg	6/30/12
Thomas Soja	6/30/13
Lois J. Dorn	6/30/13
Sandra Farron	6/30/14
Maureen Guzik	6/30/14
Alfred Roccanti *(appt 7/9/12)*	6/30/15
Donna M. Bozoglos *(appt 7/9/12)*	6/30/15
George E. Dion *(appt 7/9/12)*	6/30/15

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Marean *(resigned 6/1/12)*	6/30/14
Matt Grillo	6/30/14
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/14
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/14
Timothy Kennedy *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/14
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/15
Bruce Klockars	6/30/15
Lew Holzman	6/30/15

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham – Town Administrator
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson - Planner
John Whelihan – Assessor
Loy Harris - EDIC
Paul Silva – Finance Committee

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Beth Maroney – Financial Seat	6/30/13
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/13
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/13
Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat	6/30/14
Juanita M. Hollar – Real Estate	6/30/14
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/15
Robert Rivard – Industrial Seat	6/30/15

EMS Department

John Lebrecque – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/12
Jonathan T. Smith – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/13
John Hawley – Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/13
Kate O'Connor – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/13
Richard Blomstrom – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/13
James E. Beauregard – Part Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/13
Matt Rivest – Part Time EMT	6/30/13
Mike Neiford – Part Time EMT	6/30/13

Energy Committee

(Committee disbanded 8/27/2012)

Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/12
Cindy Janke	6/30/12
Gordon Boyce	6/30/12
Frank Lomanno	6/30/12
Alan Weiss	6/30/12
Jeffrey Davis	6/30/12

Fair Committee

Christine Walker *(resigned 2/13/12)*	6/30/12
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/13
Kevin Brown	6/30/13
Mark Nute	6/30/13
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/13
Cindy Brown	6/30/13
Carla Chaisson	6/30/13
Scott Brown	6/30/13
William Austin	6/30/13
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/13
Shawn Lindholm *(appt 2/13/12)*	6/30/13
Sandra L. Brougham *(appt 3/12/12)*	6/30/13

Belchertown Family Center

Claudia Bermudez *(resigned 6/11/12)*	6/30/14
Stacy Stackhouse	6/30/12
Lori Allen	6/30/12
April Czupryna	6/30/13
Dr. Gary Circosta	6/30/13

Finance Committee

Steven Rose	6/30/13
Mary Olberding	6/30/13
Paul M. Silva	6/30/14
Kyle Vincent	6/30/14
Kate DeCou	6/30/15

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/13

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/13

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Charles Cavagnaro, M.D.	6/30/13

Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/13

Historical Commission

F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/12
Judith Fuller Gillan-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
Kim Libucha	6/30/13
Melissa Wonkka	6/30/13
Leslie Squires	6/30/14
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/14
Sue Fulton	6/30/14
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/15
Judith Fuller Gillan *(appt full mbr 6/11/12)*	6/30/15

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Thomas Stockton – Resident/ Property Owner	6/30/13
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/14
Denise Smith-Historic Assoc Seat	6/30/15
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/15

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Michele Snizek *(resigned 1/9/12)*	6/30/14
Patricia LaFore *(resigned 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Tiffany Beaudoin *(appt 11/13/12; resigned 12/17/12)*	6/30/13
Matthew Charette	6/30/14
David D'Amours *(appt 2/13/12)*	6/30/14
Sandra Dunbar *(appt 10/9/12)*	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/15

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/14

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/13

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/12

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/12

Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko	6/30/13
Brian Varney	6/30/13
Douglas Rae	6/30/13

Lakes Committee

Andrew French-Recreation Rep *(resigned 2/13/12)*	6/30/13
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/13
Tilo Schiffer – Recreation Rep *(appt 2/13/12)*	6/30/13
Paul O. Reyes	6/30/14
LeeAnne Connolly - Conservation Rep	6/30/14
Kathi Smith	6/30/15

Lake Wallace/Foley Field Committee

(established 2/27/2012)

Brenda Q. Aldrich, Selectman	6/30/13
David Haines, Conservation	6/30/13
Eric Weiss, School Committee	6/30/14
Jim Fox, Belchertown Land Trust *(resigned 7/9/12)*	6/30/14
Edward Sokolowski, Recreation Commission	6/30/15

Memorial Committee

Leslie Squires	6/30/13
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/13
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/14
Edward T. Knight	6/30/15
William Bowan	6/30/15

Personnel Board

Sharon Riley	6/30/12
Richard J. Fritsch	6/30/13
Simon James	6/30/14
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/15
Noah Pefaur *(appt 9/28/12)*	6/30/15
Nancy Delgado Bachmann *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/15

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Robert Wojtczak *(appt 9/24/12)*	6/30/13

Playground Committee

Committee Disbanded 12/17/2012

Eric Weiss	Final Report
Kenneth Elstein	Final Report
Andrew Gatesman	Final Report

Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
John Drawec	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/13
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/13
William A. Panto	6/30/13
Steven Henn	6/30/13

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Edward H. Oey	6/30/13
James Daniels	6/30/13
Valerie Cote	6/30/13
Adam Brougham	6/30/13
Neil Lozier	6/30/13
John Raymer	6/30/13
Jason Krol	6/30/13
Jacob Strange	6/30/13
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/13
David Williams	6/30/13
Jason Christofori	6/30/13
Michael Roney	6/30/13
Michael Beaupre	6/30/13

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

James Taylor *(retired 4/16/12)*	6/30/12
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/12
Andrew Sieracki *(resigned 7/24/12)*	6/30/13
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/13
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/13
Benjamin Beaver	6/30/13

Edward Smith	6/30/13
Jeff Koreman	6/30/13
David Conkey	6/30/13
Luke Rennie	6/30/13
Mann, Robert	6/30/13
Sean Noonan	6/30/13
Like Rennie	6/30/13
Brian Ellithorpe	6/30/13

Auxiliary Police Officers

Paul Mastalerz *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/12
Courtney L. Call *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Michael Jablonski *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Ryan Johnson *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Justin Roy *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Stephen Lent *(appt 1/9/12)*	6/30/13
Megan R. Williamson *(appt 1/23/12)*	6/30/13
Joseph M. Boyle *(appt 6/11/12)*	6/30/13

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/13
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/13
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/13

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Mark Andrews	6/30/12
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/12

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/13

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (Belchertown Representative)

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/13

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Recreation Commission

Lisa Gustafson	6/30/12
Yosef Nimni – Assoc Mbr	6/30/13
Tilo Schiffer – Assoc Mbr	6/30/13
Kelly A. Harris	6/30/13
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/13
Shannon Synan	6/30/13
Megan Manitsas	6/30/14
Karen Corey	6/30/14
Andrew French	6/30/14
Nick O'Connor *(appt 10/9/12)*	6/30/15

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

Regional Economic Development Commission Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Michael Reardon
Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

William R. Barnett	5/21/15
MaryCatherine Knight	3/31/13
Clara M Very	3/31/14
Linda E. Barron	3/31/15

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Belchertown High School

Precinct Coordinator

Election Officers – Precinct A

Judy A. Scott (Warden) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/13
Robert J. Hansbury (Clerk) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/13

Election Officers – Precinct B

Samuel J. Joyal (Warden) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/12
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/12
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Warden) *(appt 8/13/12)*	8/31/13
Christina M. Aponte (Clerk) *(appt 8/13/12)*	8/31/13

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge(Warden)	8/31/13
Carol B. Walker (Clerk) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/13

Election Officers – Precinct D

Michael J. Griffin (Warden) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/13
Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk) *(appt 2/13/12)*	8/31/13

Rent Control Board

Simon James	6/30/14
Donald Minney	6/30/15

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Judith Dudek	6/30/12
Judith Houle	6/30/13
Simon R. James	6/30/13
Clare Popowich	6/30/13
Theresa Przybylowicz	6/30/13
Sharon Barnett	6/30/13
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/13

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/13

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Skate Park Committee

Beth Adams	6/30/13
Michelle Ricker	6/30/14
Nancy Voyer	6/30/15
Gino Brunetti *(appt 9/10/12)*	6/30/15

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/13

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

James Burke	6/30/12
Jeromie Whalen	6/30/12
Frank Lomanno	6/30/13
Lew Louraine	6/30/13
Yosef Yimni	6/30/13
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/13

Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly – Town	6/30/13
Jane Bryden – Landowner Rep.	6/30/13
Douglas Albertson - Alternate	6/30/13

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/13

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/13

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/13

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/13

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/13

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/13

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/13

250th Anniversary Committee

Peg Louraine	Final Report
Leslie Squires	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report
Andrea Filipkowski	Final Report
Linda Sterling	Final Report
William Barnett	Final Report
Paul Dansereau	Final Report
Cliff McCarthy	Final Report
Gloria Fortunato	Final Report
Kevin Brown	Final Report
Cindy Brown	Final Report
Mary-Alice Austin	Final Report
Thomas Stockton	Final Report
Linda Cunningham	Final Report
Bruce Allyn Klockars	Final Report

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima

Steve Williams, Alternate Trench Permitting Authority

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/17

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/17

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	4/30/13

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Michael Mount *(resigned 4/9/12)*	6/30/12
Larry Raines – Assoc Mbr	6/30/13
Michael Ross-Assoc Mbr *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/13
Keith Poulin-Assoc Mbr *(11/13/12-Changed from Full Mbr to Assoc Mbr w/ new term exp date)*	6/30/13
William Bowen	6/30/13
Janet Jourdain	6/30/14
William McClure *(appt 4/9/12)*	6/30/14
George "Archie" Archible	6/30/15
Gerry Desilets	6/30/15
Michael Czech – At Large Mbr *(appt 11/13/12)*	6/30/15
Raymond Janke	Period of employment
Vincent Viglione	Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

Zoning Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/12
David Lucey	6/30/13
Robert Hislop	6/30/14
Mark Hebert *(appt full mbr6/11/12)*	6/30/15

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Mark Hebert	6/30/12
Brian Gibbons *(appt 7/23/12)*	6/30/13
Noah Pefaur *(appt 10/9/12)*	6/30/13

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/13

Board of Selectmen

With the year of 2012 behind us and ready to put in the archives, I sit back and recall the extremely warm temperatures and very dry conditions throughout the year. Belchertown was very lucky to miss the storm burst and other extreme weather factors that our surrounding communities had experienced.

2012 turned out to be the year we finally made progress to raze the Belchertown State School. The Belchertown Board of Selectmen, Weston Solutions and MassDevelopment came to terms to raze the buildings and start pad one. This will be an assisted living facility that will generate new tax dollars to Belchertown and create new jobs. It also will not alter the number of children attending Belchertown schools. Selectman Ronald Aponte worked very hard on this project.

The Belchertown Board of Selectmen continues to battle with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs. This department has forced the Director of the Senior Center to distribute frozen meals from Florida to our seniors. In the past our senior citizens were receiving fresh food that was prepared by the staff to the particular senior's needs.

2013 is going to be a very challenging year for Belchertown and the other cities and towns in Massachusetts. We have already been informed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of drastic reductions in state aid; Governor Patrick has already announced his proposal of raising the income tax and the lowering of the sales tax in the Commonwealth. The Town's economic climate is not as we all hoped it would be; however, it is a lot better than other communities in Massachusetts. I am confident that our department managers will operate financially responsible. At this time, Belchertown continues to fund the Town's Social Service programs despite these financial hurdles.

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 2012, the following individuals received recognition for their efforts during calendar year 2011:

- Rob Opalenik, Director of the Recreation Department, was named Employee of the Year;
- Steve Lanphear was named Citizen of the Year;
- Norm Loftus was named Volunteer of the Year.

At the Special Town Meeting held on November 26, 2012, voters approved the purchase of the Wenzel Farm consisting of approximately eight acres for land preservation. The voters also approved the razing of the building on Everett Avenue that is adjacent to the rear of the Belchertown Town Hall. This will help with the parking problems that we currently experience. In addition, the voters approved disassembling the metal building that is currently on Foley Field. This building will be reassembled on another Belchertown piece of property to be utilized by the Town.

Unfortunately Belchertown experienced an outbreak Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEE), commonly called Triple E which is a mosquito driven disease. The powerful disease killed a horse in Belchertown. It can also be very harmful to humans, especially to children. Because of the timing of this, the Belchertown Fair Committee had to cancel the annual fireworks display. The Fair, however, went on as usual.

The Main Street intersection continues on with a completion date projected for late spring 2013. This is a Massachusetts Department of Transportation project and not a Belchertown Department of Public Works project. Due to traffic congestion, the contractor could only work in the road between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; this small window delayed the completion of this project.

I have attended several Metropolitan Planning Organization meetings with the Director of Public Works, Steven Williams. This organization works in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and consists of Mayors from Northampton, Springfield, Chicopee, Agawam, Holyoke, the Town Manager of Amherst, and me. I represent Belchertown, Pelham, Palmer and Ludlow. This organization pursues Chapter 90 funds for their community. I am pleased to tell you that Belchertown has been awarded $10 million for the reconstruction of Route 181 which is slated for FY14.

Belchertown is now better prepared for extreme weather conditions. We now have three large generators online to produce electricity at three locations: the Town Hall, the DPW, and Tadgell School. These will help keep the Town running during blackouts. We did not have this capability when the October 2011 snowstorm occurred.

The ESCO energy savings project is slowly coming to closure. Siemens International's scope of work is coming to a close. This project changed out the boiler in the Town Hall and numerous other pieces of equipment in Belchertown owned buildings. This was a guaranteed cost saving project to the Town. The last project is the Senior Center which will see new insulation and a new roof to eliminate water leaking into the building. This entire ESCO project was $3.2 million.

You probably have noticed the Old Town Hall on Park Street (used by so many for recreational activities) is in the middle of a facelift. The building has been scraped and paint job is still in progress. This project is funded by the Community Preservation Fund.

The Tri-Lakes Association continues its herbicide treatment to fend off vegetation growth. The voters approved $40,000 dollars for this project.

We continue to employ four full-time Firefighter/EMTs. It is refreshing to know when a call comes into the Belchertown Fire Station during normal work hours it will be answered in a timely fashion. Chief Bock strives to train his firefighters, and provides continuous updates on firefighting techniques and equipment.

Belchertown continues to welcome home our Veterans. When Vets seek answers and benefits, Ray Janke is there for them. We provide Veterans Services with the Commonwealth reimbursing Belchertown 75%. I applaud Mr. Janke for his dedicated service to Belchertown and the Veterans of this community. I also want to thank the other Veteran organizations for their commitment to Belchertown.

I also would like to thank the Veterans' Graves Officer, Vincent Viglione, and his wife Kathleen Wood, Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer, for their dedicated service to the passed Veterans of Belchertown. They pursue grants and other funds to maintain the graves and cemeteries.

The Belchertown Police Department has had a year of utilizing the Belchertown Auxiliary Police Officers. The Auxiliary Department, led by Chief Fox, was initiated in 2011. These Auxiliary Officers were out in force during the Belchertown Fair weekend.

The Department of Public Works, led by Director Steve Williams, has upgraded several pieces of heavy equipment. The new equipment will help the department maintain roads in Town. In addition, 3.5 miles of roadway was paved using Chapter 90 funds.

I want to thank the employees of Belchertown. Despite the economic hard time, these people continue to perform their duties day in and day out.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Archie Archible, Chairman
Belchertown Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The Town Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town. Working cooperatively with the Board of Selectmen and all town departments, this office is obligated to ensure seamless and cost effective town services. In recent years, our efforts have been increasingly challenged by the state of the nation's economy and budgetary constraints. We have managed to address these challenges and do so without loss of service or efficiency. Our success, in my opinion, is primarily attributed to the dedication, ingenuity, and professionalism of our town department heads and employees.

As we review the prior year and recognize the fiscal barriers we have faced, Belchertown has continued to invest in its infrastructure just the same. At a special town meeting held in the spring of 2012, Belchertown voters supported a warrant article to replace an aging and mechanically deficient bucket loader at the Department of Public

Works. The funding for this procurement was made possible by redirecting surplus snow budget monies. Voters also supported a warrant article to install three emergency power supplies at the former Tadgell Building, Lawrence Memorial Hall and the Department of Public Works. Two of these locations had very old and limited emergency generator systems in place. As our town continues to grow, the Tadgell facility has become the location of the Town's computer server network and must be able to operate during extended power outages such as the October 2011 storm. The Department of Public Works is becoming more essential as the primary fuel source for all public safety vehicles and the base for our public works operations. Lawrence Memorial Hall has also become more essential as the base for the Town's financial center and primary phone system. The generator installations are complete and the Town is better prepared to address future storm or naturally occurring disasters.

The annual town meeting in May of 2012 also supported funding to continue our efforts to develop the Foley Field Recreation Area, as well as the demolition of the former Quabbin Industries property in the rear parking lot of Lawrence Memorial Hall. The Town purchased this property several years ago in anticipation of increased parking needs; however, a tenant was occupying the building and continued to do so until very recently. At this point, the building will be demolished and the Department of Public Works will begin the process to expand the Lawrence Memorial Hall, Clapp Memorial Library, town center parking as time and money becomes available.

The annual budget voted at the annual town meeting also provided funding to replace two Police Department vehicles, a Fire Department administrative vehicle, one of the Town's primary ambulances, and a Department of Public Works pick up truck. State Highway Chapter 90 money also provided funding to replace one of the Highway Division's heavy service vehicles at a substantial cost. Most of these vehicles have been delivered and are in service as I prepare this report with the exception being the Fire Department's administrative vehicle and ambulance which we anticipate delivery soon after the first of the year.

Unlike new home starts in excess of 100 per year prior to the downturn beginning in 2004, our residential growth rate continues to fluctuate between 12 and 18 for the fourth consecutive year. New business starts have been similarly challenged with the exception of the new Cold Spring Country Club which opened in the spring of 2012, and the new Family Dollar store in early fall at the Crystal Springs Plaza. We have been in constant contact with the owners' developers of the Cold Spring Country Club and anticipate groundbreaking on the next phase of this facility to include the proposed banquet facility and several condominiums in the coming year.

After many, many years, the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was able to partner with MassDevelopment in its efforts to negotiate a purchase and development agreement on Pad One of the former Belchertown State School campus. On or about December 24, 2012, MassDevelopment endorsed a letter of intent with Weston Solutions to begin this process. After final negotiations, the Town will work diligently with MassDevelopment and Weston Solutions to construct the next phase of the access road that was approved for funding at the annual town meeting in May of 2012. Our objective is to expand access to the remaining development property at this location and do so in such a way as any bond obligations the Town incurs will be offset by future development revenues. The process to get to this point has been troubled, protracted and delayed; however, I am optimistic we have finally rounded the turn and will soon break ground on a significant development initiative. Our ability to arrive at this point resulted in hundreds of hours of meetings by volunteers and state officials alike but was in part primarily as a result of the dedication and support of Senator Gale Candaras who has recently become Belchertown's only State Senator.

As we enter another new year and what will be my 16th year as Town Administrator, I am optimistic Belchertown will continue to face its challenges, maintain local services, invest in its future and do so with the dedication and support of our many volunteers, employees, elected officials and concerned citizens. We sincerely appreciate all your efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Fiscal Year 13 budget, **as adjusted**, projected an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from $44,151,000 to $45,370,000 for an increase of $1,219,000 or 2.8%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 13	**FY 12**	**Increase / Decrease**	**Percent Change**
Local Receipts	2,510,000	2,412,000	98,000	4%
Real Estate Tax Levy	22,535,000	21,844,000	691,000	3%
Recurring State Aid	17,416,000	17,209,000	207,000	1%
Special Fund Receipts	2,909,000	2,686,000	223,000	.8%
	45,370,000	44,151,000	1,219,000	2.8%

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and new growth. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was $250,000 in Fiscal Year 13 and $252,000 in FY 12. Stabilization funds are included in Special Fund Receipts.

The Fiscal Year 13 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

Department	FY 13	FY 12	Increase / Decrease	Percent Change
General Government	1,652,000	1,652,000	0	0%
Public Safety	3,338,000	3,117,000	221,000	7.1%
Public Schools	26,302,000	25,810,000	492,000	1.9%
Highways	1,535,000	1,453,000	82,000	5.6%
Sanitation & Environment	1,876,000	1,947,000	(71,000)	(3.7%)
Human Services	743,000	726,000	17,000	2.3%
Culture and Recreation	727,000	712,000	15,000	2.2%
Buildings and Grounds	706,000	746,000	(40,000)	(5.4%)
Pension and Insurance	3,333,000	3,289,000	44,000	1.3%
Other Accounts	95,000	93,000	2,000	2.0%
Interest and Maturing Debt	3,566,000	3,369,000	197,000	5.8%
Council of Government	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Mandatory State Offsets	1,362,000	1,198,000	164,000	13.7%
Capital	104,000	0	104,000	100%
	45,347,000	44,120000	1,227,000	2.8%

The Town is now entering another budget season. Although the economy is continuing to show signs of recovering from the recession the Federal and State governments are dealing with limited resources and an increase in demand by the State and local governments. As the Federal and State governments look at new sources of revenues including increasing taxes and fees, the Town continues to face increasing costs including unfunded mandates from both the Federal and State governments. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to maintaining essential services and an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Chairman
Finance Committee

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2012

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	5,356,307.51	2,713,575.77	735,610.91	329,074.28	52,463.73	2,907,154.23		12,094,186.43
Petty Cash Advance	135.00	2,516.00						2,651.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	367,531.42							367,531.42
Chapter 61	55,319.11							55,319.11
Excise Taxes	257,762.84							257,762.84
Tax Liens	461,896.96			6,396.37				468,293.33
Special Assessments	22,078.79			4,137,681.55				4,159,760.34
Departmental	342,420.46			387,842.50				730,262.96
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(304,933.90)							(304,933.90)
Tax Foreclosures	333,113.62			3,176.04				336,289.66
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		1,720.13						1,720.13
Due From Other Governments	167,298.13	991,805.40						1,159,103.53
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	200,000.00						200,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							33,182,580.88	33,182,580.88
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							24,174.26	24,174.26
Total Assets	7,058,929.94	3,909,617.30	735,610.91	4,864,170.74	52,463.73	2,907,154.23	33,206,755.14	52,734,701.99

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2012

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	2,643,226.03	225,577.83	0.00	38,836.33	7,817.95	300.00		2,915,758.14
Employee Withholdings	231,337.76	1,250.00						232,587.76
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	(81,228.74)							(81,228.74)
Chapter 61	55,319.11							55,319.11
Excise Taxes	257,762.84							257,762.84
Tax Liens	461,896.96			6,396.37				468,293.33
Special Assessments	22,078.79			4,137,681.55				4,159,760.34
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	342,420.46			387,842.50				730,262.96
Tax Foreclosures	333,113.62			3,176.04				336,289.66
CPA Surcharge Receivable		1,106.95						
Government Receivable	167,298.13	781,662.20	0.00					948,960.33
Grant Receivable		210,143.20						210,143.20
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	200,000.00						200,000.00
Early Payment of 2013 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	38,016.26	613.18						38,629.44
Unclaimed Checks	22,294.16							22,294.16
Excess on Land of Low Value	41,233.61							41,233.61
Bond Indebtedness							33,182,580.88	33,182,580.88
Compensated Absences							24,174.26	24,174.26
Total Liabilities	4,534,768.99	1,420,353.36	0.00	4,573,932.79	7,817.95	300.00	33,206,755.14	43,743,928.23
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	972,940.97			737.00				973,677.97
Reserve for Expenditures	379,000.00	187,297.90		92,467.00	25,937.00			684,701.90
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,172,219.98							1,172,219.98
Reserved Fund Balance		2,281,548.16	735,610.91	197,033.95	18,708.78	2,906,854.23		6,139,756.03
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88						20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	2,524,160.95	2,489,263.94	735,610.91	290,237.95	44,645.78	2,906,854.23	0.00	8,990,773.76
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	7,058,929.94	3,909,617.30	735,610.91	4,864,170.74	52,463.73	2,907,154.23	33,206,755.14	52,734,701.99

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

ASSETS		
Cash		5,356,307.51
Petty Cash Advance		135.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	367,531.42	
Chapter 61	55,319.11	
Excise Taxes	257,762.84	
Tax Liens	461,896.96	
Special Assessments	22,078.79	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	342,420.46	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	167,298.13	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(304,933.90)	
		1,369,373.81
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		333,113.62
Total Assets		7,058,929.94
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		2,643,226.03
Employee Withholdings		231,337.76
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(81,228.74)	
Chapter 61	55,319.11	
Excise Taxes	257,762.84	
Tax Liens	461,896.96	
Special Assessments	22,078.79	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	342,420.46	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	167,298.13	
Governmental Receivable - FEMA	0.00	
Tax Foreclosures	333,113.62	
		1,558,661.17
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2013 Property Tax		38,016.26
Unclaimed Checks		22,294.16
Total Liabilities		4,534,768.99
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		379,000.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		972,940.97
Unreserved Fund Balance		1,172,219.98
Total Fund Equity		2,524,160.95
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		7,058,929.94

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	752,401.21	(45,205.20)	(587,369.94)	242,156.84	4,948.18	185,952.42	1,989,432.24	171,260.02	2,713,575.77
Petty Cash Advance					125.00		2,391.00		2,516.00
Due From Commonwealth		171,675.27							171,675.27
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	200,000.00								200,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	1,720.13								1,720.13
Due from Federal Government			820,130.13						820,130.13
Total Assets	954,121.34	126,470.07	232,760.19	242,156.84	5,073.18	185,952.42	1,991,823.24	171,260.02	3,909,617.30
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	927.50	0.00	66,072.37	75,013.49	13,463.86	6,584.24	49,676.31	13,840.06	225,577.83
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		171,675.27	609,986.93				0.00		781,662.20
Employee Withholdings								1,250.00	1,250.00
Bond Anticipation Note	200,000.00								200,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	1,106.95								1,106.95
Early pmt of '12 CPA Surcharge	613.18								613.18
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable			210,143.20						210,143.20
Total Liabilities	202,647.63	171,675.27	886,202.50	75,013.49	13,463.86	6,584.24	49,676.31	15,090.06	1,420,353.36
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	564,175.81	(45,205.20)	(653,442.31)	167,143.35	(8,390.68)	179,368.18	1,921,729.05	156,169.96	2,281,548.16
Reserve for Open Space	11,349.60								11,349.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	3,075.00								3,075.00
Reserve for Community Housing	172,873.30								172,873.30
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88		20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	751,473.71	(45,205.20)	(653,442.31)	167,143.35	(8,390.68)	179,368.18	1,942,146.93	156,169.96	2,489,263.94
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	954,121.34	126,470.07	232,760.19	242,156.84	5,073.18	185,952.42	1,991,823.24	171,260.02	3,909,617.30

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	10,520.66	90,146.18	634,944.07	735,610.91
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		0.00		0.00
Total Assets	10,520.66	90,146.18	634,944.07	735,610.91
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	10,520.66	90,146.18	634,944.07	735,610.91
Total Fund Equity	10,520.66	90,146.18	634,944.07	735,610.91
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	10,520.66	90,146.18	634,944.07	735,610.91

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

ASSETS		
Cash		329,074.28
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	7,112.68	
Sewer User Fees	380,729.82	
Assessments	4,137,681.55	
Tax Liens - Sewer	6,396.37	
		4,531,920.42
Sewer Possessions		3,176.04
Total Assets		4,864,170.74
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		38,836.33
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	7,112.68	
Sewer User Fees	380,729.82	
Assessments	4,137,681.55	
Tax Liens - Sewer	6,396.37	
Sewer possessions	3,176.04	
		4,535,096.46
Total Liabilities		4,573,932.79
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		92,467.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		737.00
Retained Earnings		197,033.95
Total Fund Equity		290,237.95
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		4,864,170.74

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

ASSETS	
Cash	52,463.73
Total Assets	52,463.73
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	7,817.95
Total Liabilities	7,817.95
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	25,937.00
Retained Earnings	18,708.78
Total Fund Equity	44,645.78
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	52,463.73

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

ASSETS	
Cash	767,731.43
Total Assets	767,731.43
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	767,731.43
Total Fund Balance	767,731.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	767,731.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

ASSETS	
Cash	2,139,422.80
Total Assets	2,139,422.80

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	300.00
Total Liabilities	300.00
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	2,139,122.80
Total Fund Equity	2,139,122.80
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,139,422.80

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Inel. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rd MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Everett Fuller, Topping	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																			
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	15,845,000.00	60,000.00	705,000.00	1,845,000.00	3,380,900.00	240,000.00	285,000.00	600,000.00	345,000.00	240,000.00	755,000.00	1,255,567.00	2,631,453.46	1,339,741.42	514,919.00	3,140,000.00			33,182,580.88
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence																	1,818.89	22,355.37	24,174.26
Total Assets	15,845,000.00	60,000.00	705,000.00	1,845,000.00	3,380,900.00	240,000.00	285,000.00	600,000.00	345,000.00	240,000.00	755,000.00	1,255,567.00	2,631,453.46	1,339,741.42	514,919.00	3,140,000.00	1,818.89	22,355.37	33,206,755.14
LIABILITIES																			
Bond Indebtednes:	15,845,000.00	60,000.00	705,000.00	1,845,000.00	3,380,900.00	240,000.00	285,000.00	600,000.00	345,000.00	240,000.00	755,000.00	1,255,567.00	2,631,453.46	1,339,741.42	514,919.00	3,140,000.00			33,182,580.88
Compensated Absences																	1,818.89	22,355.37	24,174.26
Total Liabilities	15,845,000.00	60,000.00	705,000.00	1,845,000.00	3,380,900.00	240,000.00	285,000.00	600,000.00	345,000.00	240,000.00	755,000.00	1,255,567.00	2,631,453.46	1,339,741.42	514,919.00	3,140,000.00	1,818.89	22,355.37	33,206,755.14

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$49,116.00	$29,406.90	$19,709.10	$17,000.00
Town Administrator	$199,635.00	$198,852.86	$782.14	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,492.04	$7.96	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$200.00	$50.00	
Reserve Fund	$10,300.00	$0.00	$10,300.00 *	
Town Accountant	$183,790.00	$181,840.47	$1,949.53	
MIS Director	$273,204.00	$271,467.77	$1,736.23	
Assessors	$275,785.00	$271,972.11	$3,812.89	
Treasurer/Collector	$288,090.00	$274,990.57	$13,099.43	$6,650.00
Law Account	$99,300.00	$92,813.46	$6,486.54	$3,994.59
Town Clerk	$113,714.00	$110,429.99	$3,284.01	
Election & Registration	$28,270.00	$23,307.93	$4,962.07	
Conservation Commission	$64,718.00	$63,921.78	$796.22	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$2,198.00	$2,197.35	$0.65	
Planning Board	$94,877.00	$93,866.89	$1,010.11	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,318.96	$1,376.04	
EDIC	$300.00	$261.39	$38.61	
Agricultural Commission	$500.00	$475.00	$25.00	
Lakes Committee	$36,000.00	$30,962.50	$5,037.50	$5,037.50
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$3,350.00	$2,328.20	$1,021.80	
	$1,727,792.00	$1,652,106.17	$75,685.83	$32,682.09
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,848,839.00	$1,757,524.75	$91,314.25	$36,945.15
Fire Department	$404,344.00	$373,876.64	$30,467.36	$23,000.00
Hydrant Service	$25,156.00	$25,156.00	$0.00	
EMS	$669,435.00	$654,833.82	$14,601.18	$382.04
Injured on Duty	$8,000.00	$0.00	$8,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	$12,841.00	$12,841.00	$0.00	
Inspection Services	$132,165.00	$120,332.88	$11,832.12	
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,380.68	$139.32	
Dog Officer	$43,330.00	$41,877.19	$1,452.81	
	$3,145,630.00	$2,987,822.96	$157,807.04	$60,327.19
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$24,873,898.00	$24,150,456.01 *	$723,441.99	$703,914.79
Regional School	$935,891.00	$935,891.00	$0.00	
	$25,809,789.00	$25,086,347.01	$723,441.99	$703,914.79

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PUBLIC WORKS

	Budget	Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
Personal Services	$654,715.00	$605,803.36		$48,911.64	
Professional Engineering	$52,000.00	$51,744.80		$255.20	
Administration	$13,550.00	$13,364.95		$185.05	
Snow & Ice Control	$142,000.00	$140,950.08	*	$1,049.92	
Street Lighting	$34,050.00	$33,079.19		$970.81	
Road Machinery	$160,625.00	$154,422.67		$6,202.33	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$141,500.00	$133,468.19		$8,031.81	$16.90
Town Garage	$28,050.00	$27,953.89		$96.11	
Hired Services	$117,000.00	$116,713.30		$286.70	
Maintenance/Grounds	$400,175.00	$380,152.78		$20,022.22	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$59,040.00	$58,843.06		$196.94	
Finnerty House	$7,960.00	$7,874.71		$85.29	
EMS Building	$12,525.00	$12,501.86		$23.14	
Police Station	$51,100.00	$50,992.19		$107.81	
Senior Center Building	$57,080.00	$57,001.46		$78.54	
Recreation Building	$31,778.00	$31,615.22		$162.78	
Freedom Center	$29,780.00	$29,617.13		$162.87	
Franklin School Building	$1,590.00	$1,064.32		$525.68	
Fire Station	$38,760.00	$38,419.85		$340.15	
Everett Ave Property	$3,000.00	$3,000.00		$0.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	$20,820.00	$20,717.89		$102.11	
Old Town Hall	$11,525.00	$11,379.55		$145.45	
Town Common	$3,650.00	$3,399.30		$250.70	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00		$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$30,450.00	$30,438.03		$11.97	
	$2,103,323.00	$2,015,117.78		$88,205.22	$16.90

HUMAN SERVICES

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
Board of Health	$17,432.00	$10,689.12	$6,742.88	
Quabbin Health District	$127,986.28	$127,986.28	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$428,724.00	$414,877.51	$13,846.49	
Veterans' Services	$246,272.00	$227,186.26	$19,085.74	
	$820,414.28	$780,739.17	$39,675.11	$0.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
Clapp Memorial Library	$384,000.00	$373,055.33	$10,944.67	
Recreation Department	$248,889.00	$247,663.74	$1,225.26	
Recreation - Pool	$34,880.00	$34,042.79	$837.21	
Teen Center Operating	$34,630.00	$33,658.89	$971.11	
Town Beach	$3,400.00	$3,300.51	$99.49	
Family Center	$6,000.00	$5,931.19	$68.81	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$0.00	$348.00	
250th Anniversary Committee	$4,200.00	$4,200.00	$0.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$717,147.00	$701,852.45	$15,294.55	$0.00

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$55,175.00	$47,019.80	$8,155.20	
Council of Governments	$7,500.00	$7,500.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,844,108.00	$1,844,108.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$3,888.12	$0.00	$3,888.12	
Unemployment	$17,950.00	$10,363.88	$7,586.12	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$936,000.00	$911,889.29	$24,110.71	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,400.00	$3,088.77	$1,311.23	
Medicare-Town Share	$87,000.00	$81,103.13	$5,896.87	
General Insurance	$288,151.00	$285,295.41	$2,855.59	
One-Time Expenses - FY12	$176,000.00	$0.00	$176,000.00	$176,000.00
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$3,811.88	$3,811.88	$0.00	
	$3,423,984.00	$3,194,180.16	$229,803.84	$176,000.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,470,000.00	$2,470,000.00	$0.00	
Interest	$899,410.00	$888,474.84	$10,935.16	
	$3,369,410.00	$3,358,474.84	$10,935.16	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$15,805.00	$15,330.00	$475.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$173.15	$173.15	$0.00	
School Department	$250,831.11	$229,191.02	$21,640.09	
Public Works	$809.25	$809.25	$0.00	
Human Services	$354.00	$354.00	$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
	$267,972.51	$245,857.42	$22,115.09	$0.00

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY13
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,727,792.00	$1,652,106.17	$75,685.83	$32,682.09
Protection of Persons/Property	$3,145,630.00	$2,987,822.96	$157,807.04	$60,327.19
Education	$25,809,789.00	$25,086,347.01	$723,441.99	$703,914.79
Public Works	$2,103,323.00	$2,015,117.78	$88,205.22	$16.90
Human Services	$820,414.28	$780,739.17	$39,675.11	$0.00
Culture & Recreation	$717,147.00	$701,852.45	$15,294.55	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$3,423,984.00	$3,194,180.16	$229,803.84	$176,000.00
Debt & Interest	$3,369,410.00	$3,358,474.84	$10,935.16	$0.00
	$41,117,489.28	$39,776,640.54	$1,340,848.74	$972,940.97
Encumbered Funds	$267,972.51	$245,857.42	$22,115.09	$0.00
TOTALS	$41,385,461.79	$40,022,497.96	$1,362,963.83	$972,940.97

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	21,681,664.06						21,681,664.06
State Receipts	17,057,518.00						17,057,518.00
Excise Taxes	1,585,509.58						1,585,509.58
Tax Liens	95,340.04						95,340.04
Lieu Taxes	326,432.79						326,432.79
Licenses & Permits	154,141.06						154,141.06
Special Assessments	7,916.16						7,916.16
Interest	152,655.02	10,436.81	5176.63	6,528.34		68,226.90	243,023.70
Fines & Forfeits	37,075.50						37,075.50
Departmental Revenue	202,175.84	2,902,169.62		1,499,694.17	284,743.08		4,888,782.71
Fees	70,353.30						70,353.30
Rentals	75,073.10						75,073.10
Umass Transit	36,659.00						36,659.00
Other Miscellaneous	81,813.91	279,187.94				9,433.94	370,435.79
Grants		3,156,417.41					3,156,417.41
Performance Guarantees		46,500.00					46,500.00
Gifts		190,073.94					190,073.94
Temporary Loans		200,000.00					200,000.00
MWPAT							0.00
Bond Proceeds			3,101,705.40				3,101,705.40
Total Revenues	41,564,327.36	6,784,785.72	3,106,882.03	1,506,222.51	284,743.08	77,660.84	53,324,621.54
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,652,106.17	649,971.41					2,302,077.58
Protection of Persons & Property	2,987,822.96	594,269.43					3,582,092.39
Education	25,086,347.01	3,617,825.79				11,600.00	28,715,772.80
Public Works	2,015,117.78	1,454,423.52		663,433.39	294,657.66	4,470.00	4,432,102.35
Human Services	780,739.17	264,034.75				9,844.20	1,054,618.12
Culture & Recreation	701,852.45	379,883.75					1,081,736.20

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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	3,194,180.16						3,194,180.16
Debt & Interest	3,358,474.84			858,821.55			4,217,296.39
State Assessments	799,276.00						799,276.00
Prior Year Expenditures	245,857.42						245,857.42
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			2,471,937.96				2,471,937.96
Equipment							0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds							0.00
Temporary Loan			80,000.00				80,000.00
Total Expenditures	40,821,773.96	6,960,408.65	2,551,937.96	1,522,254.94	294,657.66	25,914.20	52,176,947.37
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	742,553.40	(175,622.93)	554,944.07	(16,032.43)	(9,914.58)	51,746.64	1,147,674.17
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	747,238.28	0.00	80,000.00	216,356.00	0.00	252,000.00	1,295,594.28
Operating Transfers Out	468,356.00	434,445.44	0.00	80,000.00	0.00	252,000.00	1,234,801.44
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	278,882.28	(434,445.44)	80,000.00	136,356.00	0.00	0.00	60,792.84
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	1,021,435.68	(610,068.37)	634,944.07	120,323.57	(9,914.58)	51,746.64	1,208,467.01
Audit Adjustment *	28,627.00	(28,627.00)					0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-11	1,474,098.27	3,126,693.21	100,666.84	169,914.38	54,560.36	2,087,376.16	7,013,309.22
Fund Balance 6-30-12	2,524,160.95	2,487,997.84	735,610.91	290,237.95	44,645.78	2,139,122.80	8,221,776.23

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2012

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	21,723,864.63	21,681,664.06	(42,200.57)
State Receipts	16,984,411.00	17,057,518.00	73,107.00
Excise Taxes	1,460,500.00	1,585,509.58	125,009.58
Tax Liens	0.00	95,340.04	95,340.04
Lieu Taxes	295,000.00	326,432.79	31,432.79
Licenses & Permits	135,700.00	154,141.06	18,441.06
Special Assessments	7,814.00	7,916.16	102.16
Interest	166,500.00	152,655.02	(13,844.98)
Fines & Forfeits	35,300.00	37,075.50	1,775.50
Departmental Revenue	144,000.00	202,175.84	58,175.84
Fees	69,650.00	70,353.30	703.30
Rentals	61,250.00	75,073.10	13,823.10
Umass Transit	36,600.00	36,659.00	59.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	81,813.91	81,813.91
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	41,120,589.63	41,564,327.36	443,737.73
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,727,792.00	1,652,106.17	75,685.83
Protection of Persons & Property	3,145,630.00	2,987,822.96	157,807.04
Education	25,809,789.00	25,086,347.01	723,441.99
Public Works	2,103,323.00	2,015,117.78	88,205.22
Human Services	820,414.28	780,739.17	39,675.11
Culture & Recreation	717,147.00	701,852.45	15,294.55
Insurance & Unclassified	3,423,984.00	3,194,180.16	229,803.84
Debt & Interest	3,369,410.00	3,358,474.84	10,935.16
State Assessments	741,245.00	799,276.00	(58,031.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	267,972.51	245,857.42	22,115.09
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	42,126,706.79	40,821,773.96	1,304,932.83
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		742,553.40	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	681,500.00	747,238.28	
Operating Transfers Out	403,823.00	468,356.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	277,677.00	278,882.28	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		1,021,435.68	
Audit Adjustments		28,627.00	
Fund Balance 7/1/11		1,474,098.27	
Fund Balance 6/30/12		2,524,160.95	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
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	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	49,991.00	578,475.58	1,708,187.16	413,893.21	198,419.46		207,451.00		3,156,417.41
Collections & Fees	190,126.43		42,866.92	20,509.00	625,214.62	201,194.79	1,429,998.09	392,259.77	2,902,169.62
Interest	9,215.11		49.08	21.11	300.69		362.67	488.15	10,436.81
Performance Guarantees								46,500.00	46,500.00
Gifts			588.00	955.00		450.00	188,080.94		190,073.94
Temporary Loans	200,000.00								200,000.00
Other							7,527.50	271,660.44	279,187.94
Total Revenues	449,332.54	578,475.58	1,751,691.16	435,378.32	823,934.77	201,644.79	1,833,420.20	710,908.36	6,784,785.72
Expenditures:									
General Government	512,427.45			1,324.00			60,211.71	76,008.25	649,971.41
Protection of Persons & Property			156,214.86	87,650.71			12,572.55	337,831.31	594,269.43
Education			1,368,269.96	186,752.00	857,576.11	210,398.39	698,582.64	296,246.69	3,617,825.79
Department of Public Works		516,475.19	811,157.21	11,302.52			107,283.60	8,205.00	1,454,423.52
Human Services			160,871.79	60,711.69			42,400.11	51.16	264,034.75
Culture & Recreation			2,500.00	28,926.28			346,957.47	1,500.00	379,883.75
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	512,427.45	516,475.19	2,499,013.82	376,667.20	857,576.11	210,398.39	1,268,008.08	719,842.41	6,960,408.65
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(63,094.91)	62,000.39	(747,322.66)	58,711.12	(33,641.34)	(8,753.60)	565,412.12	(8,934.05)	(175,622.93)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In									0.00
Operating Transfers Out		64.00	0.41				434,381.03		434,445.44
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	(64.00)	(0.41)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(434,381.03)	0.00	(434,445.44)

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Special Revenue Fund
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	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State	School Lunch				
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	(63,094.91)	61,936.39	(747,323.07)	58,711.12	(33,641.34)	(8,753.60)	131,031.09	(8,934.05)	(610,068.37)
Audit Adjustments							(28,134.50)	(492.50)	(28,627.00)
Balance 7-1-11	814,568.62	(107,141.59)	93,880.66	108,432.23	25,125.66	188,121.78	1,836,859.34	166,846.51	3,126,693.21
Balance 6-30-12	751,473.71	(45,205.20)	(653,442.41)	167,143.35	(8,515.68)	179,368.18	1,939,755.93	157,419.96	2,487,997.84

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2012

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest			5176.63	$5,176.63
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Bond Proceeds			3,101,705.40	$3,101,705.40
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	3,106,882.03	$3,106,882.03
Expenditures:				
Construction			$2,471,937.96	$2,471,937.96
Equipment				$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Temporary Loans		$80,000.00		$80,000.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$80,000.00	$2,471,937.96	$2,551,937.96
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	($80,000.00)	$634,944.07	$554,944.07
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In		$80,000.00		$80,000.00
Operation Transfers Out				$0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$80,000.00	$0.00	$80,000.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	$0.00	$0.00	$634,944.07	$634,944.07
Fund Balance 7-1-11	$10,520.66	$90,146.18	$0.00	$100,666.84
Fund Balance 6-30-12	$10,520.66	$90,146.18	$634,944.07	$735,610.91

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2012

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,143,000.00	1,225,318.36	82,318.36
Sewer Assessments	195,000.00	245,640.71	50,640.71
Sewer Connections	15,000.00	28,710.10	13,710.10
Interest	0.00	6,528.34	6,528.34
Dumping Fees	0.00	25.00	25.00
Total Revenue	1,353,000.00	1,506,222.51	153,222.51
Expenditures:			
Environmental	715,528.00	663,433.39	52,094.61
Debt & Interest	921,565.00	858,821.55	62,743.45
Prior Year Expenditures	33.44	0.00	33.44
Total Expenditures	1,637,126.44	1,522,254.94	114,838.06
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(16,032.43)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	105,325.00	216,356.00	(111,031.00)
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	(80,000.00)	80,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	105,325.00	136,356.00	(191,031.00)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		120,323.57	
Fund Balance 7/1/11		169,914.38	
Fund Balance 6/30/12		290,237.95	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2012

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	267,000.00	276,265.50	9,265.50
Sale of Recycling	5,000.00	8,477.58	3,477.58
Total Revenue	272,000.00	284,743.08	12,743.08
Expenditures:			
Environmental	300,623.00	294,657.66	5,965.34
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	300,623.00	294,657.66	5,965.34
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(9,914.58)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(9,914.58)	
Fund Balance 7/1/11		54,560.36	
Fund Balance 6/30/12		44,645.78	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended J une 30, 2012

	Balance 7/1/11	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/12
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$200,324.17		$25,580.80	$9,830.34			$216,074.63	$216,074.63
Whiting Street	$50,388.79		$801.63				$51,190.42	$51,190.42
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$5,141.88		$94.82				$5,236.70	$5,236.70
Calvin Bridgman High School	$15,192.13		$281.31				$15,473.44	$15,473.44
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$95,862.43		$1,188.24	$5,000.00			$92,050.67	$92,050.67
Pazasis Scholarship	$2,114.96		$11.22	$1,000.00			$1,126.18	$1,126.18
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$107.54	$5,500.00	$6.36	$5,250.00			$363.90	$363.90
Hansbury Scholarship	$0.00	$1,000.00	$12.64	$250.00			$762.64	$762.64
Shumway Scholarship	$0.00	$2,463.94	$39.84	$100.00			$2,403.78	$2,403.78
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$2,015.45		$79.86				$2,095.31	$2,095.31
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$3,819.13		$78.57				$3,897.70	$3,897.70
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$58,513.68	$470.00	$786.58				$59,770.26	$59,770.26
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$30,168.22		$13,480.89	$4,470.00			$39,179.11	$39,179.11
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,425.91		$21.58				$1,447.49	$1,447.49
Nellie E. Brown	$2,558.38		$46.98	$13.86			$2,591.50	$2,591.50
Willard Stebbins	$2,305.93		$50.53				$2,356.46	$2,356.46
Vianna E. Somes	$2,613.20		$38.67				$2,651.87	$2,651.87
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00		$0.00				$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$19,642.00		$81.69				$19,723.69	$19,723.69
Retirement Trust	$17,631.02		($660.26)				$16,970.76	$16,970.76
Conservation Fund	$856.92		$11.36				$868.28	$868.28
Stabilization Fund	$1,458,176.23	$252,000.00	$19,077.73		($252,000.00)		$1,477,253.96	$1,477,253.96
Workers' Compensation Fund	$118,518.19		$7,115.86				$125,634.05	$125,634.05
	$2,087,376.16	$261,433.94	$68,226.90	$25,914.20	($252,000.00)	$0.00	$2,139,122.80	$2,139,122.80

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2012

	Balance 7/1/11	Additions	Balance 6/30/12
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	142,737.14	2,100.00	144,837.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	765,631.43	2,100.00	767,731.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2012

	Principal	Interest	Total
2013	3,439,359.60	1,550,487.14	4,989,846.74
2014	3,736,944.55	1,171,387.37	4,908,331.92
2015	3,739,456.40	1,031,296.91	4,770,753.31
2016	3,086,507.80	882,430.54	3,968,938.34
2017	3,088,963.88	770,033.29	3,858,997.17
2018	3,101,597.08	625,505.92	3,727,103.00
2019	3,092,436.85	504,041.93	3,596,478.78
2020	2,502,452.74	379,784.20	2,882,236.94
2021	2,279,580.07	272,965.48	2,552,545.55
2022	2,271,683.40	181,400.14	2,453,083.54
2023	743,901.17	87,945.61	831,846.78
2024	756,162.59	55,061.67	811,224.26
2025	377,062.17	40,592.46	417,654.63
2026	372,488.37	26,170.33	398,658.70
2027	374,963.04	11,974.43	386,937.47
2028	127,487.17	3,105.55	130,592.72
2029	29,903.00	1,531.65	31,434.65
2030	30,507.00	927.55	31,434.55
2031	31,124.00	311.24	31,435.24
	33,182,580.88	7,596,953.41	40,779,534.29

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2012

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/11	Reduced FY2012	Outstanding 6/30/12	Due In FY2013
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	90,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	2,400,000.00	555,000.00	1,845,000.00	580,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	17,510,000.00	1,665,000.00	15,845,000.00	1,660,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	395,000.00	50,000.00	345,000.00	50,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	515,000.00	60,000.00	455,000.00	60,000.00
QECB/Energy Project	2012		0.00	0.00	3,140,000.00	200,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	3,846,700.00	465,800.00	3,380,900.00	248,200.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	265,000.00	25,000.00	240,000.00	25,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	315,000.00	30,000.00	285,000.00	30,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	665,000.00	65,000.00	600,000.00	70,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,338,771.00	83,204.00	1,255,567.00	86,220.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	2,805,627.74	174,174.28	2,631,453.46	180,495.48
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	260,000.00	30,000.00	230,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,410,084.80	70,343.38	1,339,741.42	71,765.12
Howard Street #1	2011	2.00	518,186.00	21,284.00	496,902.00	21,714.00
Howard Street #2	2011	2.00	18,963.00	946.00	18,017.00	965.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Toppinc	2008		265,000.00	25,000.00	240,000.00	20,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		835,000.00	80,000.00	755,000.00	70,000.00
			33,478,332.54	3,435,751.66	33,182,580.88	3,439,359.60

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30,2012

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2011	$ 10,665,796.85	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 60,191,671.67
RECEIPTS	$ 61,620,061.25	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2012	$ 12,094,186.43
	$ 72,285,858.10		$ 72,285,858.10

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 30,060.27

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2011	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2012
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 21,192.13		$ 281.31		$ 21,473.44
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 7,141.88		$ 94.82		$ 7,236.70
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$ 1,121.16	$ 1,395.93	$ 28.18	$ (840.00)	$ 1,705.27
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 95,862.43		$ 1,188.24	$ (5,000.00)	$ 92,050.67
RICHARD PAZASSIS SCHOLARSHIP	$ 2,114.96		$ 11.22	$ (1,000.00)	$ 1,126.18
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 107.54	$ 250.00	$ 6.36		$ 363.90
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP		$ 2,363.94	$ 39.84		$ 2,403.78
HANSBURY SCHOLARSHIP		$ 750.00	$ 12.64		$ 762.64
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,625.91		$ 21.58		$ 1,647.49
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,805.93		$ 50.53		$ 3,856.46
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,913.20		$ 38.67		$ 2,951.87
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,558.38		$ 46.98	$ (13.86)	$ 3,591.50
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 171,705.36	$ 3,496.82	$ 13,480.89	$ (3,916.82)	$ 184,766.25
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 715,904.76		$ 25,902.00	$ (12,871.44)	$ 728,935.32
WHITING STREET	$ 60,388.79		$ 801.63		$ 61,190.42

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
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TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2011	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2012
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 5,919.13		$ 78.57		$ 5,997.70
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 6,015.45		$ 79.86		$ 6,095.31
CONSERVATION	$ 856.92		$ 11.36		$ 868.28
SENIOR CENTER	$ 58,513.68	$ 470.00	$ 786.58		$ 59,770.26
PENSION RESERVE	$ 29,642.00		$ 81.69		$ 29,723.69
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 1,458,176.23		$ 19,077.73		$ 1,477,253.96
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 118,518.19		$ 7,115.86		$ 125,634.05
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$ 22,120.16	$ 1,393.55	$ 251.14	$ (2,643.83)	$ 21,121.02
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$ 6,012.01		$ 21.11	$ (2,775.00)	$ 3,258.12
250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	$ 2,407.57		$ 5.27	$ (2,401.11)	$ 11.73
TOTALS	$ 2,795,623.77				

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2011- JUNE 30, 2012

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#981-CPA TOWN HALL WINDOWS	GREENFIELD CO-OP BANK	6/22/12	$ 200,000.00	6/21/13	0.54%
QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS	NEGOTIATED RBC CAPITAL	10/1/11	$ 3,140,000.00	10/1/26	1.32%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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FISCAL 2010 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 22,663.32
REFUND		$ 5,465.51
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,555.67	
ABATED	$ 5,465.51	
COLLECTED	$ 20,621.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 486.39	
	$ 28,128.83	$ 28,128.83

FISCAL 2011 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 307,208.56
REFUND		$ 10,573.14
ABATED	$ 10,573.14	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 21,830.23	
COLLECTED	$ 257,473.60	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 27,904.73	
	$ 317,781.70	$ 317,781.70

FISCAL 2012 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 10,372,932.14
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,974,180.37
REFUND		$ 68,520.43
TO TAX TITLE	$ 68,220.53	
TAX POSSESION	$ 4,151.59	
ABATED	$ 112,041.61	
COLLECTED	$ 20,920,398.78	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 310,820.43	
	$ 21,415,632.94	$ 21,415,632.94

FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2013		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,722,421.37
COLLECTED	$ 37,968.73	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 10,684,452.64	
	$ 10,722,421.37	$ 10,722,421.37

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2011		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 2,748.36
COMMITTED		$ 11,981.90
COLLECTED	$ 14,730.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 14,730.26	$ 14,730.26

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2012		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 18,695.24
COLLECTED	$ 17,348.99	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 1,346.25	
	$ 18,695.24	$ 18,695.24

CPA 2010		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 48.77
REFUND		$ 81.98
ABATED	$ 81.98	
COLLECTED	$ 48.77	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 130.75	$ 130.75

CPA 2011		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 1,866.65
COMMITTED		$ 165.15
REFUND		$ 158.60
TO TAX TITLE	$ 85.25	
ABATED	$ 158.60	
COLLECTED	$ 1,844.88	
OUSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 101.67	
	$ 2,190.40	$ 2,190.40

CPA 2012		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 94,451.20
COMMITTED		$ 96,169.43
REFUND		$ 172.20
TO TAX TITLE	$ 471.92	
ABATED	$ 1,609.04	
COLLECTED	$ 187,093.41	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 1,618.46	
	$ 190,792.83	$ 190,792.83

CPA 2013		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 96,487.42
COLLECTED	$ 613.18	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 95,874.24	
	$ 96,487.42	$ 96,487.42

2011 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 19,880.27
COLLECTED	$ 19,880.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 19,880.27	$ 19,880.27

2012 SEWER LIENS		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 70,745.61
TO TAX TITLE	$ 775.62	
COLLECTED	$ 62,857.31	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 7,112.68	
	$ 70,745.61	$ 70,745.61

2011 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 362,757.79
REFUND		$ 572.47
ABATED	$ 174.75	
COLLECTED	$ 363,155.51	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 363,330.26	$ 363,330.26

2012 SEWER CHARGES		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,223,942.33
COLLECTED	$ 843,212.51	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 380,729.82	
	$ 1,223,942.33	$ 1,223,942.33

FARM ANIMAL EXC PRIOR YEARS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 168.60
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 168.60	
	$ 168.60	$ 168.60

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FARM ANIMAL EXC 2009

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 50.80
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 50.80	
	$ 50.80	$ 50.80

FARM ANIMAL EXC 2010

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 208.85
COLLECTED	$ 157.85	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 51.00	
	$ 208.85	$ 208.85

PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 12,807.82
REFUND		$ 177.60
ABATED	$ 11,442.30	
COLLECTED	$ 1,543.12	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 12,985.42	$ 12,985.42

2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 8,617.65
REFUNDED		$ 14.17
ABATED	$ 14.17	
COLLECTED	$ 1,281.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 7,336.38	
	$ 8,631.82	$ 8,631.82

2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 9,561.46
COLLECTED	$ 4,242.32	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 5,319.14	
	$ 9,561.46	$ 9,561.46

2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 22,481.08
COMMITTED		$ 294.06
REFUND		$ 1,145.67
ABATED	$ 1,007.61	
COLLECTED	$ 13,578.11	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 9,335.09	
	$ 23,920.81	$ 23,920.81

2011 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 188,300.57
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 130,376.62
REFUND		$ 14,166.36
ABATED	$ 17,009.81	
COLLECTED	$ 289,360.09	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 26,473.65	
	$ 332,843.55	$ 332,843.55

2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,469,494.54
REFUND		$ 8,113.77
ABATED	$ 48,370.91	
COLLECTED	$ 1,220,209.22	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 209,028.18	
	$ 1,477,608.31	$ 1,477,608.31

FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 34.43
ABATED	$ 30.16	
COLLECTED	$ 4.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 34.43	$ 34.43

FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 322.61
ABATED	$ 312.38	
COLLECTED	$ 10.23	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 322.61	$ 322.61

FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 10,680.74
COLLECTED	$ 10,491.35	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 189.39	
	$ 10,680.74	$ 10,680.74

FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 8,687.76
COLLECTED	$ 1,551.48	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 7,136.28	
	$ 8,687.76	$ 8,687.76

FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 12,621.74
COLLECTED	$ 2,277.55	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 10,344.19	
	$ 12,621.74	$ 12,621.74

FISCAL 2012 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 222,662.70
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 251,149.14
REFUND		$ 695.56
COLLECTED	$ 463,857.39	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 10,650.01	
	$ 474,507.40	$ 474,507.40

FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 232,194.65
COLLECTED	$ 47.53	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 232,147.12	
	$ 232,194.65	$ 232,194.65

2011 DAIGLE WELL BETT

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$ 227.47
COLLECTED	$ 227.47	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ -	
	$ 227.47	$ 227.47

2012 DAIGLE WELL BETT

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 7,937.96
COLLECTED	$ 7,688.69	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$ 249.27	
	$ 7,937.96	$ 7,937.96

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012

2011 TRILAKES BETT				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011			$	5,686.63
REFUND			$	118.49
COLLECTED	$	5,805.12		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$	-		
	$	5,805.12	$	5,805.12

2012 TRILAKES BETT				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	187,815.32
TO TAX TITLE	$	700.24		
COLLECTED	$	182,557.02		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$	4,558.06		
	$	187,815.32	$	187,815.32

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011		$	2,298,377.97
APPORTIONED FY12 RE	$176,493.75		
COLLECTED	$57,202.50		
TO TAX POSSESSION	$8,547.50		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$2,056,134.22		
	$2,298,377.97	$	2,298,377.97

MISCELLANEOUS REC.				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2011			$	55,120.06
COMMITTED			$	64,755.51
COLLECTED	$	64,556.46		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2012	$	55,319.11		
		$119,875.57	$	119,875.57

COMSTAR AMBULANCE ACCOUNT				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2011			$	291,136.68
COMMITTED FOR COLL.			$	959,326.99
REFUNDED			$	2,629.47
ABATED	$	442,995.47		
COLLECTED	$	469,023.46		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2012	$	341,074.21		
	$	1,253,093.14	$	1,253,093.14

JULY 1, 2011- JUNE 30,2012			
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$	25,161,367.25
AMBULANCE ACCT		$	469,023.46
	TOTAL	$	25,630,390.71

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$	24,821,735.54
INTEREST/FEES		$	149,514.21
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$	290.93
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		$	189,770.57
AMBULANCE ACCT		$	469,023.46
	TOTAL	$	25,630,334.71

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK
2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	416.00	522.00	724.00	432.00	464.00	624.00	456.00	728.00	432.00	488.00	424.00	424.00	6134.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	120.00	100.00	120.00	120.00	180.00	160.00	100.00	320.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	120.00	1620.00
BOARD OF APPEALS		100.00		100.00	100.00	200.00				100.00		100.00	700.00
BURIAL PERMIT	30.00	45.00	45.00	30.00	60.00	75.00	15.00	90.00	45.00	90.00	60.00	30.00	615.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	240.00	160.00	160.00	220.00	80.00	160.00	160.00	240.00	140.00	320.00	80.00	120.00	2080.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	235.00	100.00			100.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00		1435.00
DOG FINES				1019.00	1065.00	712.00	1535.00	722.00	670.00	510.00	150.00	10.00	6393.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	160.00		800.00	198.00		470.00	370.00	390.00	110.00	200.00		405.00	3103.00
DOG LICENSE	7651.00	5857.00	4772.00	2032.00	814.00	459.00	526.00	262.00	190.00	119.00	128.00	2543.00	25353.00
DOG GIFT FUND	160.00					160.00	165.00	160.00		34.00		196.00	875.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION				1700.00	50.00			50.00					1800.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION						50.00			25.00				75.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	35.00	140.00		370.00	100.00	145.00	372.50	45.00	140.00	145.00		125.00	1617.50
POLE ORDER							40.00			40.00		40.00	120.00
RAFFLE PERMIT		10.00		15.00				60.00	75.00			60.00	220.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	40.00		20.00				20.00	35.00	20.00		20.00	30.00	185.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS		25.00	25.00	20.00				20.00		25.00			115.00
MSC SALES	2.20	0.40	1.40	24.00	1.60	50.00	1.00	15.00	15.00	0.80	12.00	15.00	138.40
TOTAL	9089.20	7059.40	6667.40	6280.00	3014.60	3465.00	3960.50	3237.00	2042.00	2251.80	1294.00	4218.00	52578.90

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2011 Vital Statistics received after last year's annual report:

Deaths:	**Place:**	**Male**
1	Holyoke	1

2012 Vital Statistics

Births:	**Place**	**Male**	**Female**
	Belchertown	2	1
	Boston	1	
	Greenfield		1
	Holyoke	2	8
	Northampton	19	22
	Springfield	43	29
	Worcester	1	1
	Total	**68**	**62**

Marriages:	**Male**	**Female**
Belchertown Resident	59	64
Non-Resident	17	18

Married in Belchertown: 44
Married Out-of-Town: 35

Deaths:	**Male**	**Female**
Belchertown Resident	35	38
Non-Resident	1	7

Place of Death:

Amherst	6	Palmer	2
Belchertown	42	Springfield	7
East Longmeadow	6	Ware	7
Hadley	3	West Brookfield	1
Holyoke	3	West Springfield	1
Northampton	2	Wilbraham	1

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee members for the year 2012 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Chief; Max Bock, Maintenance Department; and, Sally Dodge is the town-appointed representative.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary and responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Agricultural Commission

The Belchertown Agricultural Commission has been working to promote farming in Town since 2006. In past years, we have held educational workshops on gardening, raising chickens and estate planning for land owners. We also helped to establish the Community Garden and have supported the Antique Tractor Show and the local plant swap.

Every year we begin with our annual Farmers' Meeting in January. It's a time to socialize with friends and discuss farming issues. The ideas generated help to guide our activities throughout the year.

In April we sponsored a forest walk for land owners which was lead by a state forester. Participants learned about managing forests, insect damage, and tree thinning and harvesting.

In order to promote awareness about farming activities, we purchased lawn signs reading "Welcome to Belchertown, a Right to Farm Community". Belchertown has a Right to Farm Bylaw which protects farming activities in agricultural zones. The signs had one of three designs: a chicken, cow or tractor. These colorful signs generated much enthusiasm among farmers and non-farmers alike. Many people asked for signs to put out on their lawns.

The Commission plans to do more with signage in the coming year to further promote our agricultural heritage.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Judith Gillan
Alan Paige
Matthew Kotowski, Associate Member
John White, Associate Member

Animal Control Advisory Board

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen held hearings for a large number of animal complaints in previous years, and felt the formation of a separate Board to hear these types of complaints would be prudent.

ACAB is comprised of a group of members who have a wealth of knowledge and experience with animals. All members at this time are pet owners, including kennel owners, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service dog. In addition ACAB works closely with Animal Control Officer, Anna Fenton.

ACAB received two (2) complaints in 2012, both of which were resolved within thirty (30) days. ACAB also resolved a complaint that originated in 2011. Complaints comprised of the following violations: Three (3) vicious dog/running-at-large and one (1) failure to license.

In 2011 ACAB struggled with multiple changes in membership. In 2012 ACAB is a stable and dedicated Board looking forward to a successful 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Breveleri
Sonya Hawkins
Carol Kasabian
Marlene Layman
Nicole Miner, Chair & Secretary
Audrey Safford
Carol Wagner

Animal Control Department
Telephone 413-519-1754

Animal Control had a relatively sane year for 2012. Our Facebook page, "Belchertown Animal Control", was a very useful tool in helping to both reunite animals with owners and also to help strays find forever homes. Belchertown now has over 2950 licensed dogs. Our department's job is to ensure that the owners of these dogs abide by the Town's bylaws and that their dogs are safe and well cared for.

October 31, 2012 ushered in a new and updated set of MA general laws pertaining to animal cruelty. We have been reviewing the changes and making animal owners aware as to what the changes are and how they affect them.

This past year we have dealt with stray cows, rabid raccoons, rabid foxes, coyotes, loose horses and donkeys, porcupines, skunks and some feral cats.

We continue to offer a low cost rabies vaccine/microchip clinic to any dog, cat or ferret owner in town or in our surrounding area. We cannot stress enough how great microchips are. A perfect example is a stray cat that we picked up from a resident's enclosed porch in the center of town on December 29th. Fortunately it had a microchip and although it was not registered we were able to locate the veterinarian who implanted it and find the cat's owner. This cat had been missing from Amherst for exactly one year from the date we picked it up. The best part is that one of the children in the house had asked Santa to bring back her cat and because of the microchip they were reunited!!!!

Once again, if any resident has a question, concern or needs assistance, please feel free to call us. If we can't help you, we can usually turn you in the right direction for assistance.

The employees of Animal Control would again like to thank all the residents in town and our Facebook fans who generously donate food, blankets, supplies, toys and treats to the animals that come into our care. Each of these items help to enrich the animals' lives and let us go above and beyond what our budget allows.

Last but not least a big Thank You to my assistants Janet Lipscomb, Angela Gaj and Carla Brooks. They go above and beyond in their duties as Assistant ACOs and pound keepers. They keep the pound animals physically and mentally active and healthy.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton,
Animal Control Officer

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors experienced many changes since last year. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons Sam Joyal resigned from the Board. During his tenure as an Assessor, Sam strived to provide fair assessments to all property owners in town. His diligence and wisdom will be missed by his fellow Assessors along with the office staff. At the town election in May, Donald Minney was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Mr. Minney replaces William Huber who served two terms on the Board. Ray Goff was elected to serve the final year of Mr. Joyal's term. Ray had previously been appointed by the Selectmen to serve the 2nd year of Sam's term.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY12 budget included:

FY12 Total Taxable Value
1,319,671,454
Town Meeting Appropriations
$45,363,743
Estimated Receipts/State Aid
$23,509,984
Tax Levy
$21,853,759
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions
$21,895,873
FY12 New Growth
$302,174
FY12 Tax Rate
$16.56

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

The Assessors completed a triennial certification of real & personal property valuations for fiscal year 2012. Although the real estate market in Belchertown remains relatively healthy, the town has not escaped the statewide trend of lower market values. After careful analysis of the town's 2010 market sales, the average assessment for single-family homes was reduced by approximately 3%. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being assessed fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Barry, Chairman
Raymond Goff
Donald Minney
Board of Assessors

Belchertown Community Television

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 5, 19, and 20 (Channel 20 is dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
Board of Health
The Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meetings
(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, School Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, EDIC, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts
Most CHCS Band Concerts
The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
BHS Boys' Basketball Games
BHS Girls' Basketball Games
BHS Home Football Games
BHS Wrestling
(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess, …)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade and Fireworks
Some Holiday events

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
Memorial Day Ceremonies
Belchertown Sting Rays Swim Team
(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Dwight Chapel
Hope United Methodist Church
Grace Community
Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Equipment upgrades last year included installing a digital encoder/decoder from Belchertown High School to our head-in at the BCTV station. This new encoder/decoder has improved the audio and video signal we are able to send out from the high school and onto our community TV system. We are also in discussion with Valley Communications on upgrades to our live broadcasts originating at Lawrence Memorial Hall. Digital is the wave of the future and BCTV is trying to keep pace with that future.

BCTV was contacted by the Belchertown Football Association last year. They wanted to tape the BHS football games and were hoping BCTV could assist. The BFA found a volunteer (John Lebrun) and BCTV provided the equipment. John taped all away games and Dave Barnett continued to tape the home games.

John Lebrun is now taping all BHS Wrestling matches and the Freshman basketball games. Erinne Dull contacted us and is now taping all home Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball games.

BCTV is fortunate to have the services of these two high school students. Both of them are taping, editing, and burning the DVD's needed for playback at our station. We hope to utilize their knowledge and services until they leave for college.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who manages all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, and her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden the user with information continue to meet high standards for our Bulletin Board.

Volunteers who left BCTV last year include:

- Norm Loftus – the first and longest serving volunteer. Norm has been "going live" with our Selectmen's Meetings for over 20 years.
- Ron Pobieglo – was the go-to guy for School Committee Meetings. He also assisted on numerous community programs including taping the Tri-Lakes Fishing Contest one winter when it was -4 degrees, color video from many Belchertown Fairs, and a truly wonderful video showing the preparation in the weeks before the annual fair.
- Shannon Materka – has been taping the EDIC for many years. The needs of her young family necessitated a "BCTV leave of absence." We expect she will return when the kids are grown up.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Dave Barnett
Pat Barry
Keith Bettencourt
Judy Bettencourt
Rachel Bittman
Mary Ann Brennen
Louise Christ
Erinne Dull
Ray Fontaine
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
John Lebrun
Audrey LePage
Shawn Lindholm
Shannon Materka
Rick Rabe
Tim Smith

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers, BCTV

Clapp Memorial Library

On June 30, 2012, the Clapp Memorial Library threw an outdoor party on the library lawn, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the library building. The day was a celebration of our past as well as our present and future. The Saturday event included carriage rides around the Common, children's crafts and games, an old-fashioned spelling bee, a sing-along, acoustic music, birthday cake and other delicious refreshments. It was the culmination of an exciting month of special events:

Friday afternoon live music performances, a Victorian courtship tea, a visual tour of Belchertown cemeteries provided by the Gravestone Girls; Victorian games night, a crazy quilt workshop for kids, Laughter Yoga to bring us back to the present, and a birthday party just for children.

John Francis Clapp, with much foresight, left provisions for the construction and establishment of the Clapp Memorial Library. As his brother Dwight said at the building dedication, it was the intention of his brother "to found this library and make it as free as air and sunshine to every boy and girl and every inhabitant of his native town". And so it still is today.

While the building remains the same, much else has changed. In FY 2012, the library recorded over 121,277 visits, and circulated 124,796 items. An additional 18,593 items were borrowed for our patrons from other libraries, by way of the statewide interlibrary loan system. 8,571 Belchertown residents (59% of town population) are library cardholders.

Programming continues to be a cornerstone of our service to the community, with total attendance of 10,983 at 462 different programs offered throughout the year. In addition to regular occurrences like the monthly book discussion groups, Tuesday Trivia and the Wednesday Word of the Day challenge, adults were invited to join a parenting or college planning workshop, relax during a seven-week meditation class, practice architectural drawing, attend a poetry reading or author talk, explore the world of mind reading with a mentalist, get expert advice on helping children learn to read, and make handmade felted gifts. Nearly 300 adults and young adults participated in the popular Summer Reading Challenge, sampling a variety of reading genres while vying for prizes. In what will become an annual event, an enthusiastic all-ages group came to the library to play games, both silly and serious, in recognition of International Games Day.

510 children kept their reading skills sharpened over the summer by participating in our "Dream Big, Read" Summer Reading Program. Children's programming offered something for everyone. Music was a hit, with the summertime family music series followed by six weeks of Shake, Rattle and Roll, an introduction to music and musical instruments for kids 8 and under. Children learned Frisbee skills on the library lawn, delighted in a puppet show, listened to a Halloween storyteller, sang and danced with a minstrel, watched a ballet about a dancing pig, met a kitten rescued from a tornado, rolled through a roller skating party, and made spectacular holiday gifts. The Junior Volunteers program provided valuable work and community service experience to 41 young adults who contributed their energy and helped out at the library in a variety of ways over the summer.

The library continues to welcome all kindergarten classes on their bi-weekly visits to hear a story, choose a book, and begin to discover the wonders within these walls. Four different weekly story hours are offered to children from age 3 months up to 5 years, providing essential early learning and socialization. Five book discussion groups are offered for readers from six years old up through twelfth grade, and "PAWS to Read" gives children an opportunity to improve their skills by reading to a certified therapy dog. The Early Literacy Station arrived to take its place in the Children's Room this year, offering over 60 educational software titles covering seven curriculum areas. Geared toward ages 2-8, the computer offers a fun, child-friendly, self-paced learning experience.

An upgrade to our wireless internet access improved free wifi both inside and outside the building and library cardholders logged 5,525 internet sessions on our public access computers during FY2012. The library was fortunate to host the nationally touring Digital Bookmobile, which arrived in Belchertown for one of only four stops in Massachusetts. This 74-foot mobile extravaganza offered an introduction to some of the downloadable digital resources (10,978 eBooks, 3,381 audio books, and 868 video recordings) available 24 hours a day through our online catalog.

After much preparation, the library transitioned to a new open source software program called Evergreen that handles circulation and cataloging functions for our small but select collection of 21,223 books, 5,382 video recordings, 78 different magazine titles, and 2,705 audio titles. It also connects our users to collections totaling over 9 million items at 155 libraries, a benefit of our membership in the C/WMARS library consortium. With a new look and many new features, our online catalog will continue to evolve and improve over time to provide an enhanced user experience.

Our museum pass program museum offers free or reduced admission to the Springfield Museums, the Holyoke Children's Museum, the Zoo in Forest Park, the U.S.S. Constitution Museum in Boston, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Basketball Hall of Fame, the Mystic Aquarium, the Massachusetts State Parks, MassMOCA, and the Smith College Museum of Art. Come check one out!

A $2500 Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners provided the funding for a Preservation Survey of our local history collection, which is devoted to the history of Belchertown and the immediate surrounding area. Information gained through this survey formed the basis for the recently completed Preservation Long Range Plan, the goal of which is to ensure the maintenance, protection, and preservation of this invaluable record of the people and events which have shaped town development.

We are eternally grateful for the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library who sponsor nearly all of our programs and continually step up to the plate to support us, helping us to fulfill our mission. We also thank our top-notch team of volunteers who contributed 931 hours of time to the library over the course of the year.

The Clapp Memorial Library is always changing and improving, with a constant supply of new materials. We invite the community to visit, get a library card, and enjoy all of the services this wonderful library offers. In this, our 125th year, we have worked to follow the advice of original Library Trustee Dwight Clapp, as he spoke on June 30, 1887, urging his listeners to "do what little we can in our day to make life in this old hill town of New England richer and broader, higher and nobler, sweeter and purer, to generations which come after us."

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick,
Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful seventh year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including recreation.

Under the CPA, the state match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge averaged approximately $35 per household/year. This year the state provided a 27% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2012 was $189,541.00 and the state match was $50,862.00. However since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the town's own contributions.

The 2012 Annual Town Meeting approved CPA projects expected to cost approximately $1,053,225. However because of other cost shares, these projects only required an appropriation of $562,725 in CPA funding.

Projects funded by the 2012 Town Meeting included:

- Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR), Ed Land Property
- Agricultural Preservation Restriction (Open Space Preservation), Jackson Farm
- Lake Vale Cemetery gravestone rehabilitation
- Painting/Window repair, Old Town Hall
- Tower Clock Repair, Town Common
- Painting of United Church of Christ Building, Town Common

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
Betsy Loughran, Clerk
Megan Manitsas
Leslie Squires
Edwina Cruise
Tracey Thompson
Judy Healy
Bill Barnett, Selectman Liaison

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held thirty hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; twenty-one of these were Requests for Determination, four were Notices of Intent and one for an amended Order of Conditions. The Commission issued one Emergency Certificate for the protection of public health and safety and three Enforcement Orders. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2012, there were twenty-four applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission has also been working with the new owners of the Cold Spring Golf Course to assist them with the monitoring of the construction for the new golf course. The Golf course opened in the Spring of 2012.

It has been another banner year for land protection in Belchertown! The Town was notified in early December that we were awarded a $340,230.00 grant from the State. We now have the opportunity to acquire the 88 acres of the Jackson Farm, (Meads Corner Conservation Area) property through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. These 88 acres, located at the intersection of Gold St. and Gulf Rd., contains wildlife habitat and connectivity between the 1,200 acres of the Cadwell Memorial Forest, Pelham, MA, and the Quabbin Reservoir.

The Town of Belchertown was also notified by the APR program on November 20th that they voted to approve the acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) for the Wenzel Farm. This will preserve 81 acres of prime farm land currently owned by Deborah Wenzel located on Bardwell Street. This property is located within a rural area of south Belchertown with a long history of farming. It is one of the few remaining large farm tracts in town. Belchertown has had a long history of farm-land protection, but sadly over the past 15 years, the town has done very little in protecting our family farms. This application is a step in reversing this trend. Belchertown now has an Agricultural Commission and a Right to Farm Bylaw. With these new instruments, the town is now positioned to protect our vital farm-lands.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. Both the Topping

Farm Conservation Area and the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area fields were mowed and additional signage was posted. The Friends of Scarborough Brook Conservation Area, (SBCA), working with the Conservation Commission and a botanist from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species program, are conducting management activities for the protection of endangered plants located on this property. Beavers have been busy at the SBCA Conservation Area and an eagle-scout project will be conducted to wrap larger trees around the pond with wire for their protection. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Conservation office is in the process of reorganizing our web page and updating our maps. The Conservation Open Space Subcommittee has also spent a lot of time updating the 2013-2020 Open Space Plan, which will continue to qualify Belchertown for many state grants. The purpose of this document is to revise the 2008–2012 OSRP, based on an updated needs assessment, survey results and prioritization. In February 2012, the Town conducted an extensive public participation program, asking residents how they feel about certain issues. Approximately 70% of the surveys were returned and this demonstrates that the residents of the Town are concerned about growth within their community. The new open space and recreation goals and objectives for 2013-2020 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with resource and recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2013-2014 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

David Haines, Chairman
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chairman
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Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

Council on Aging / Belchertown Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include Tom Soja, Chairperson; Lois Dorn, Vice Chair; Donna Bozoglos, Al Roccanti, Maura Guzik, Sandy Farron and George Dion. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few Centers in the state to have three staff members trained as SHINE insurance counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA is still a pressing matter. The PVTA discontinued the Ware Shuttle two years ago and the Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to WalMart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY12, our handicapped accessible vans transported 314 different seniors on over 9500 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing $58,000 each from the

Executive Office of Transportation over the last three years. These vehicles have been put into service allowing us more flexibility in scheduling. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1500 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of $3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over $25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY12 period, 424 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 12,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 30,000 meals to 140 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Currently we have had to suspend utilizing our own frozen meals for weekend use and have been forced to offer prepackaged meals from a caterer. These meals have preservatives and chemical stabilizers added to the meals. EOEA has continued to refuse to allow us to use our own "fresh frozen" meals despite repeated requests by the Director, Board of Selectmen and state Representatives to grant us a waiver. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Eighteen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 12.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. The Director is continuing to work with several organizations including Wing Hospital and the University of Massachusetts on new programs and to make all Mental Health Services more accessible.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, WII bowling and other virtual exercise classes, and three different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred fifty four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. A Health & Safety Fair was held at the High School for the second year and another is planned for this year.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY12. Over 17,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least $165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Center Citizen's Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. We now have over 2800 seniors over the age of 60, and 1000 seniors in the 60-65 year age range. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing and an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority and the need for additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizen's Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff at the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2012, involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was $3185 to be divided among local artists.

The Cultural Council funded music programs at Senior Center by the Premier Swing Band and by Donna Lee Honeywell ("The Patsy Cline era"), as well as a performance by storyteller Tim Van Egmond.

The Council funded a songwriting workshop by the Gypsy Wranglers. This program benefitted Belchertown teens at Jabish Brook Middle School.

Several programs at the Clapp Memorial Library were funded, including "Brainstorming: An Act of Mentalism" by Rory the Mentalist and an interactive performance by Mary Jo Maichak.

The Council funded the Belchertown 250th Anniversary Committee's Annual Report and performances by the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras.

In May, we funded the National Art Honor Society's "Empty Bowls," where students created ceramic bowls and organized a pot luck which benefitted the Belchertown Ecumenical Food Pantries.

2012 also saw the retirement of Council Chair and long-time member Sharon Marean. We thank Sharon for her huge role in shaping our Council.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. Our thanks to those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Lew Holzman, Bruce Klockars, Claudia Bermudez, Jennifer Whitehead, Jennifer Meighan and Tim Kennedy.

Submitted for the Council,
Matt Grillo

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

Most recently we received a signed Letter of Intent on December 21, 2012 from Weston Solutions, Inc. to move forward with the development of the site. This is an historic achievement which leaves only the Master Development Agreement to be finalized and the purchase and sale to take place for construction to began. BEDIC has been working with Weston for almost three years to make all this possible.

In the summer of 2010 Weston Solutions Corporation approached BEDIC about the development of the State School Property. A Letter of Interest was signed in September giving the Company 90 days to review the property and to determine the feasibility of a multi-use development. BEDIC hired the Vann Group to perform an independent due diligence on Weston Solutions. The Vann Group reported that Weston Solutions has the capability to bring a project of this magnitude to fruition. Weston presented a preliminary plan indicated the project would be built out in phases and that they have the expertise and manpower to remediate the environmental issues associated with the property.

During FY11 BEDIC continued working toward a purchase and sale agreement with Weston Solutions Corporation. In this process BEDIC has worked closely with our Legislators to work out indemnification and 30B issues to bring the purchase and sale of Pad 1 on Parcel B to fruition. BEDIC's counsel has also been working diligently with DCAM to prepare language regarding indemnification that will be acceptable to all parties. BEDIC teamed up with the Town Selectmen and Finance Committee in regards to the proper way to obtain bonding for the infrastructure needed for Pad 1. That work was successfully completed in the Fall of 2012 allowing the project to begin to move forward.

FY12 was a very productive year in regards to the ongoing negotiations with Weston Solutions. At the annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2012 the Town voted in favor of raising and/or borrowing the appropriate funds for road construction on the EDIC owned land. This approval from the Town was required by Weston Solutions for the development of Pad 1. The Assisted Living Developer remains interested in constructing an approximately 160 unit independent and assisted living facility. The next hurdle was the indemnification language in the Memorandum of Agreement between the EDIC and DCAM. Essentially any past environmental issues would be passed on to the purchaser of the property. This was a significant roadblock in the negotiations. Through the diligence of our legislators, the EDIC subcommittee, Town Selectmen and MassDevelopment an agreement was reached with DCAM in December 2012. With the above referenced issues resolved the next step was to engage MassDevelopment to act as our agent. EDIC executed a Memorandum of Agreement with MassDevelopment on November 13, 2012. This will be essential in the overall development of the entire site. MassDevelopment has the resources to move the project in the right direction. EDIC and the Town Selectmen will work very closely with the MassDevelopment to assure that any future development is in line with the overall Town Plan. The activities of FY13 have remained in step with the mission of BEDIC to develop the State School property and bring jobs to our community.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel
Juanita Holler, FAIA
Ken Dorey
Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat

Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown celebrates its 155th annual fair. The theme was Poultry in Motion, allowing the exhibitors and town groups to use their imaginations and come up with some creative ideas for decorating their booths and floats.

Due to the mosquito-borne disease threat, Thursday night fireworks were not held this year to ensure our community's safety.

The rest of the weekend's weather was ideal for fair-goers. Due to health scares of the mosquito-borne diseases, bug repellants/wipes were supplied for those who needed them. The threat of the mosquitoes didn't seem to stop the influx of people from coming. Amusement rides were provided by Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusements Company. On Friday night, the giant pumpkins were weighed in. First Place was Audrey Wanczyk with a 271-pound pumpkin. Kids' night out was a big hit again this year, sponsored by the Christ Community Church.

Saturday morning, despite sidewalk construction, people lined Main Street for the parade. Marchers in the parade included amateur units: Girls and Boy Scouts and the Belchertown Twirlers. Professional units included the American Legion Color

Guard and the various specialties of the Melha Shriners. The judge's award for Best Presentation of Theme went to the Friends of Clapp Memorial Library.

Other awards include:

- 1st place Float: Swift River Preservation Association
- 1st place Band: Jabish Brook 7th and 8th Grade Band
- 1st place Antique Car: Don Madden
- 1st place Antique Truck: Bryen Thackery
- 1st Place Tractor: Cait Beachell
- 1st Place Apparatus: Belchertown Fire Department
- Egg-Cellent Award: (adult) Sandy Brougham; (youth) Patrick O'Brien
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest: (adult) Molly Adams; (youth) Helen Austin
- Helen Papp Award: Janice Howland
- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Lilliana Galesi
- Glenn Butler Award: Donna Butler
- Fair Cake (youth): Hannah Horak

Also occurring were two favorite events: horse and oxen pulls. The winners for the horse pulls:

- 3300 pounds and under: Brad Hurlburt with Morris and Spudsy
- 3300 pounds and over: Brad Hurlbert with Barney and Strong --21,000lbs (ties Belchertown Fair Record)

The winners for the oxen pulls were:

- 2400 pounds and under: Audette brothers with Jim and Jake--9,500lbs
- 2800 pounds and over: Audette brothers with Turbo and Willey-- 12,500lbs
- 3200 pounds and under: Audette brothers with Turbo and Charlie – 13,000lbs
- Free Class over 3200 pounds: Audette brothers with Barry and Junior--18,000lbs.

All in all, we had another great weekend for the fair. Hats off to all of the committee members and volunteers who spent countless hours to make the fair possible. The Fair Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you also to Graham Brown and Rebecca Newsome for their hard work in the maintenance of the fair website. To all of our 2012 sponsors: thank you for your support.

We are always looking for new ideas and new people to help with the year-round commitment the fair entails. Interested individuals wanting to help please step forward; we would love to have your input. Let's make this tradition continue to get better each year.

Hope to see you all at the 156th Belchertown Fair!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Fair and Parade Committee

Hampshire Council of Governments

The Hampshire Council of Governments (Council) is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2012 were $52,256. The dues collected help support Council programs and services. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the assessment and to expand services.

For every dollar spent on Council programs, participating western Massachusetts communities receive at least three dollars back in taxpayer savings and value. All of our programs and services are designed to save taxpayer money, keep investments local, and contribute to a healthy, sustainable environment. You can also be sure that the revenue generated is reinvested into local communities.

The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust serves 63 units in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties with over 4,500 members, which translates into more than 9,000 insured participants. In 2012, the Trust saved members in excess of $3.2 million in insurance costs when compared to the State benchmark. Since 2006, the Council's electricity customers have saved over $2.1 million as compared to the default utility service price. These are dollars that can be used to improve town services, hire new teachers, or keep tax rates stable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Town of Belchertown used the following Council programs and services with an estimated savings and value of $691,424: Hampshire Power; Municipal

Aggregation; Municipal Solar RFP; Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative; Healthy Hampshire/Mass In Motion grant; RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties; Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust; Tobacco Free Community Partnership for Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

Programs and services that the town did not use for additional savings and value include grant research and writing; Green Community support; sustainability and green energy consulting; Hampshire IT; regional accounting program. By taking advantage of the unused programs and services the town can maximize value and increase savings. It is also suggested that the schools participate in the Purchasing Cooperative's Milk, Bread, and Ice Cream bid, and sign up for free IT security check provided by Hampshire IT.

The Council achieved several key goals in.

- Zero percent increase in health insurance premiums for the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program provided more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than $3.2 million.
- Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley rejoined Council membership.
- Moving forward with fundraising for Courthouse building renovations, repairs, and preservation.
- Hampshire/Municipal Solar Program.
- Solar Renewable Energy Certificates Aggregation.
- New Program: Regional Municipal Accounting and Bookkeeping service.
- New Program: Hampshire Information Technology Program.

May 7th was the opening ceremony celebrating Hampshire County's 350th Anniversary. The event was attended by local elected and appointed officials and legislators. The Governor proclaimed May 7, 2012, to be Hampshire County Day and a joint Senate and House Resolution honoring Hampshire County Day acknowledged the County's richness and diversity of history, and its cultural and educational presence.

The Council began a campaign to address significant areas of deterioration of the structural integrity of the historic Courthouse. The cost to restore the Courthouse is in excess of $3.7 million. The Council has approached local Community Preservation Act Committees requesting financial support. State and federal funding sources will also be identified because the building is owned by the 'inhabitants of Hampshire County' and is our shared historic legacy.

The Council was pleased to welcome the Towns of Hatfield and South Hadley as returning Council members. For the second year in a row the Councilors awarded scholarships to help support graduating high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement and maintained a grade point average of 3.0 or above. The Councilors also doubled the number of scholarships awarded to four.

Electricity Department: In Fiscal Year 2012, electricity prices in New England dropped to historically low levels, prompting a change of strategy towards new customers. Instead of recruiting new customers for its supply program, Hampshire Power expanded its services by becoming a licensed broker for fixed price electricity and sold a number of large contracts with major energy companies at extremely favorable rates. About 20 percent of Hampshire Power's load is now brokered through these fixed-price multi-year arrangements. Meanwhile, the Real-Time indexed program saved Hampshire Power customers $212,348.53 in Fiscal Year 2012, with a total cumulative savings of $2.1 million since the program's inception in 2006.

Municipal Aggregation: The Municipal Aggregation program for residential and business customers moved forward with the filing of a plan on behalf of twenty-eight communities. The Department of Energy Resources recommended approval of the plan by the Department of Public Utilities. Additional towns are expected to sign agreements to join the program in the coming months. With its Hampshire Green option, Municipal Aggregation will complement the Council's Sustainability programs.

Municipal Services

Cooperative Purchasing: The Hampshire Purchasing Cooperative is celebrating its 31st year serving the purchasing needs of western Massachusetts' communities and school districts. The program coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2012 was $5,173,292.05 with an estimated savings of $733,098.49 for participating communities.

Healthy Hampshire/Mass in Motion Grant: The Council was awarded a multi-year grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to create Healthy Hampshire (HH) and we have been working through municipal and community leaders in Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton, and Williamsburg to effect changes to community policies and systems that have been shown to have a measurable impact on health.

Goals of Healthy Hampshire include:

- Improve nutritional quality of school meals and snacks
- Increase the number of students walking and biking to school
- Increase the number of healthy options available to consumers in small retail outlets
- Create healthy design standards for municipalities to follow when considering any new development or retrofits

Over the past year Healthy Hampshire consultants have supported the Williamsburg Greenway Committee in assessing the viability of the proposed bike trail between Northampton and Williamsburg. At least two routes have been developed, and barriers/opportunities discussed. HH identified concerns from parents at Hilltown Charter School regarding walkability/bikeability around the school, and brought these to the Greenway Committee for consideration. Those parents continue to be involved in the committee.

HH administered the CHANGE Tool, a community health survey that included questions about communitywide efforts impacting the social and built environments, such as improving food access, walkability or bikeability, tobacco use and exposure, and personal safety. The survey was administered in all four towns, and follow-up focus groups were held in Amherst and Belchertown. Results of the survey and focus groups were shared with municipal leaders and local elected officials, and are being used to develop effective strategies for each town.

HH launched the Healthy Markets Initiative in January with the first meeting of the Healthy Markets Committee. Belchertown participants identified several local markets they hope to involve, and are making plans for incorporating cultural competence into their approach. And finally, HH partnered with MASSBike to do bicycle safety audits at over 40 intersections throughout the four towns. Results of the audits will be available February 2013.

Healthy Hampshire is a collaboration between the Hampshire Council of Governments, the SPIFFY Coalition, and the municipalities of Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton and Williamsburg.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT): The Trust has once again held their costs down with NO premium increases for the 2012 insurance year. With the Trust premiums remaining flat our member towns were better able to utilize any increase in town funds to cover other expenses.

The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products.

In the Insurance Year 2012 (April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012), the collective premium for the Trust was slightly over $47M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent health benefits.

Wellness Initiative Program:: The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program promoting healthier choices and behaviors amongst employees covered by the HCGIT.

The Wellness Initiative utilizes health risk data and employees' needs and interest surveys to develop program strategies to address the risk factors of the insured. During 2011 eight (8) mini grants were awarded to fund Worksite Wellness Teams, including one to the Belchertown School District, These teams develop and implement the wellness programs at their worksite, using the data to develop evidence based programs to address the risks of their populations.

A few of the programs support by the Wellness Initiative included:

- Spring Challenge – 225 participated in this physical fitness challenge by walking, biking, raking leaves running logging thousands of hours, steps and miles.
- Passport to Health – screenings conducted at worksites to help employees know and understand their biometric numbers
- Nutrition programs including "Start your day the healthy way "and Healthy Local Potlucks
- Colonoscopy Promotion - a yearlong promotion beginning in April 2011 to encourage our subscribers to have a colonoscopy – for both prevention and diagnostic reasons – colonoscopies save lives.

Sustainability Department: In June 2011 the Hampshire Council of Governments created the position of Sustainability Director and hired Eric Weiss to promote green energy development and energy conservation projects throughout the Western Massachusetts region. The Council is involved in a long term effort to support the local and regional economy and help it to become more sustainable.

In Fiscal Year 2012 the Sustainability Department has;

- Initiated and managed a Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECS) brokering program which as of 6/30/12 had 206kW (35 clients) under contract.
- Created and administered a large multi-county RFP to promote the development of solar PV projects in Municipalities throughout Western Massachusetts. The RFP covered 115 properties in 38 Communities throughout Western Massachusetts;

we received proposals from 5 vendors.

- Assisted the Town of Middlefield to implement its Green Community Energy reduction plan by assisting with the bidding and construction of a 12kW solar array at the Town hall as well as energy consumption improvement efforts for other Town buildings.
- Worked closely with Hampshire Power to create and offer and financial viable solar net metering option for Hampshire Power member municipalities.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP): RSVP of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During Fiscal Year 2012, 722 RSVP volunteers gave more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than $3.2 million. RSVP volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- 26 volunteers worked with students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 62 volunteers led weekly strength training classes for more than 400 seniors.
- 187 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 2000 elders.
- 326 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 13,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP): The Hampshire and Franklin County Tobacco Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke by enhancing state and local tobacco control efforts, exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms.

Funded by the Massachusetts Cessation and Prevention program, TFCP serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts. The five core goals of the program are: 1) Ensure access to safe and effective cessation resources for all Massachusetts residents; 2) Protect Massachusetts' young people from tobacco industry tactics; 3) Increase the price of tobacco; 4) Ensure all health care visits include a tobacco intervention; and 5) Advance a smoke free environment for all Massachusetts residents. TFCP programs and services include the Ex-Smoker Hall of Fame, policy promotion and support, 84 promotion, cessation education, other tobacco products (OTP) presentations, updating board of health tobacco regulations, and smoke free housing.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org, FB, and Twitter.

Board of Health and Quabbin Health District

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2012.

Private Drinking Water Well Permits: 18 (15 New Construction, 3 Replacements)
Septic Permits: 54 (19 New Construction, 35 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications: 57 (24 New Construction, 33 Repairs)

Bakery	2	Piggery License	1
Day Camp Permit	2	Public Pool Permit	1
Ecology Can Permit	1	Public Spa Permit	0
Food Establishment Permit	20	Residential Kitchen Permit	3
Frozen Dessert License	2	Retail Food Permit	12
Funeral Director License	1	Septic Hauler's Permit	11
Limited Food Establishment Permit	7	Septic Installer's Permit	26
Milk & Cream License	25	Tanning Unit Permit	3 permits; 8 units
Mobil Food Permit	2	Temporary Food Permit	20
Mobil Home License	1	Tobacco Retail Permit	13
Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/ Furnaces Variance Permit	1	Food/Retail Review:	2

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

2012 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2012:

Reportable Diseases:

Campylobacteriosis	3	Giardiasis	1
Group A Streptococcal	1	Haemophilus Influenzae	2
Influenza	1	Legionellos	1
Lyme Disease	9	Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	2
Salmonellosis	1	Hepatitis C	8
Hepatitis B	3		

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 31 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. An additional 22 suspected cases were reported in 2012 of which 18 were for suspected Lyme Disease. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Ruth Amador, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2012, the Health Department vaccinated 15 senior citizens or other town residents at risk for flu complications. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Amador, RN

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2012, I conducted inspections of 179 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

Animal Count

Dairy over 2:	42
Dairy under 2:	29
Beef over 2:	102
Beef under 2:	123
Steers/oxen:	41
Goats over 1:	38

Goats under 1:	5	Donkeys/Mules:	9
Sheep over 1:	26	Chickens:	1198
Sheep under 1:	6	Turkeys:	0
Pigs breeders:	6	Waterfowl:	118
Pigs feeders:	31	Game birds:	34
Lamas / Alpacas over 1:	26	Rabbits:	100
Horses:	485	Pigeons:	0
Stables open to public:	4		

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices.

In 2012, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office: Cat bites: 0; Dog bites: 17; Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 23

Five animals were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing: three cats, one dog and one horse. All tested negative for rabies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Flebotte,
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/services provided to each town in the District during 2012.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test / Deepholes and Soil	57	30	8
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	19	4	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	35	25	8
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-Inspections	46	51	11
Well Application Review	18	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	33	90	9
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	0	11	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	2	0
Condemnations (# of units)	2	2	0
Food Service Inspections (routine)	21	25	1
Food Service Inspections (complaint)	2	5	1
New or Remodeled Food Establishment Plan Review	2	2	0
Mobile / Temporary Food Inspections	24	17	0
Beaver Permits	5	4	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated, and Orders Issued as Warranted	20	51	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	3	3	N/A
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	1	0
Court Appearances	2	0	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	0
Meetings / Hearings	11	9	10
Total Inspection Activities District-wide: 687			

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2012 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2012 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Ryan Fitzemeyer, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Abby Melendy, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Ruth Amador, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". We issued Certificates of Applicability to the following: The Congregational Church, 18 Park Street, to repaint the church using liquid vinyl, Tex-Cote or latex or oil-based paint; Richard and Leona Pazasis, 51 South Main St., to replace 21 double hung window units with Anderson Woodwright wood/wood composite, custom sized, divided light units; Linda Ahern, 47 Main St., to remove existing lap siding and trim and replace with James Hardie smooth lap siding and trim.

There have been no changes in the membership of this commission during 2012. There is one vacant seat on this Commission.

No preservation awards were presented during 2012 by The Historic District Bylaw Commission.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Smith, Chair
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

Historical Commission

This year the Belchertown Historical Commission went looking for a contractor to apply the job of conducting a survey of some of the older homes and structures in Belchertown. The survey will show who built the home, the current owner, the style of the building, type of construction. There will be a picture of the house and a map showing the location of the property. A history of the property will be included. These surveys are a continuation of the 1976 and the 2008 surveys. When completed, the surveys will be located in the Historical Commission files, the Town Clerks office, the Clapp Memorial Library and the Stone House Museum. A contract was signed with tti - architects of Portland, Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman

Members:
Sue Fulton
Judith Gillan
Erika Hamilton
Kim Libucha
Maxine Oland, Vice Chairman
Melissa Wonkka

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments; 12 family housing apartments; and 3 DMR houses.

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each apartment has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom and bath. On site parking is available and there is a laundry room located in the office/community room building. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in rent. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service.

The family housing is located at State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on second floor and half bath on first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments is determined on your net annual income. The apartments are managed by an Executive Director appointed by the Authority Board and are operated according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DMR housing is located at State Street, George Hannum Road, and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum Road are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; the East Walnut Street location is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave. OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The office telephone number is 413-323-4064. When the office is not open an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted;

Darlene Mitchell, Executive Director
Tracey Thompson, Chair
Sally Dodge, Affirmative Action Officer
Knowlton Utley, Treasurer
Martina Robinson, Member

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Our town, while still small but growing in population numbers, experiences similar concerns and challenges to affordable housing as do our big city, urban counterparts.

The October storm was our most active period on the Housing Needs and Assessment Committee. The Committee devised a plan with the Belchertown Police and Fire Departments to evacuate nearby affordable housing and transfer the residents by shuttle to the Belchertown High School. We managed to successfully evacuate the willing residents from the complexes at Everett Acres, Mill Valley and Lord Jeffrey Apartments. This plan saved many lives, as the Housing Authority had not had an action plan in place. Many elderly and disabled residents were cold but toughed through the elements during that very difficult time.

While affordable housing may seem abundant, it does not even come close to the current requirements of a growing population like Belchertown. The Town of Belchertown has shown a steadily increasing population growth through these past few years. We require more affordable housing in Belchertown to accommodate these new residents.

With this being said, our committee will remain focused on the action plan and work to succeed at the goals set for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Charette
David D'Amours, Jr.
Sandra Dunbar
Nancy Delgado-Bachmann

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 17 new construction-building permits for single-family residences and 3 new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2012.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1434. This is an increase of 290 from 2011's 1144. Permits pulled for repairs, additions and alterations totaled 411, an increase from 2011's 315 and significantly higher than 2010's 275.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Bryan Varney and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Lakes Committee

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2012, the Committee has met 9 times, appointed officers and has begun communications with the Tri-Lakes Association and local residents to develop Lake/Boating Regulations. The purpose of these regulations is to protect the public health and safety and to establish a uniform process by which the Lake Committee/Town can review and regulate activities that affect the lakes and other water-bodies within the Town. It is our hope that these regulations can be presented at the May 13, 2013 town meeting.

A 604B Water Quality grant application for year 2012 was approved by the State to investigate water quality issues and identify any potential stormwater runoff issues surrounding the lake regions. The Committee is working with PVPC to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals. The work conducted so far involves identifying non-point source inflow and areas with land use issues. The shoreline lake survey included taking GPS coordinates and photos, and completing data sheets related to specific shoreline locations. Based on the shoreline survey, PVPC has identified possible water quality monitoring locations and will meet in early February 2013 with Tri-Lakes Association officials and the Lake Committee to confirm that these are the best locations for water quality sampling for this project.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2013 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Paul Reyes
Tilo Schiffer

Memorial Committee

Having no new business and no incomplete old business, the Memorial Committee remained dormant for the entire year.

Jan Jourdain, Chair

MIS Department

This past year the IT Department continued to support the Town departments. This year saw the installation of generators at Lawrence Memorial Hall, DPW, and our data center at Tadgell School giving us some much needed backup power to keep things going during emergency conditions. We have worked with MBI towards bringing fiber to Belchertown.

2012 kept us busy implementing new software in our public safety departments to make things more efficient, evaluating phone systems to save us money, and supporting our existing systems to keep things running smoothly.

Thank you,

Kevin J Hannon, MIS Director

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure and sporting activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, baton twirling, lacrosse and soccer. Jump Rope Fun and Circuit Training for young women and men were just a few of the new programs we offered this year. Field Hockey was first brought to Belchertown this past summer and its popularity encouraged us to form a team and enter a league this past fall. We were pleased with the success of two newest returning summer programs, Sing It Loud and Story Time Yoga.. Those ages 3 to adults were able to spend their summer enjoying art classes, Take-A-Hike, canoeing or kayaking, yoga and even pickup basketball games under the lights at the CHCS Basketball courts.

The beautification of the town beach is an ongoing endeavor; we continue to improve the function of our concession stand, our landscape and the bathrooms. Once again this past summer we welcomed back many familiar faces along with many new patrons to our town beach. We also hosted many area camps enjoying a day at the beach.

We offer the following programs; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, group experiences and private lessons, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

The inclusion of 5th and 6th Graders to the Teen Center Family was a huge success with many pre-teens stopping by after school enjoying spending time socializing with their peers, learning to cook, playing basketball, singing karaoke, just having fun and even getting some help with their homework. We will continue to offer cooking, tutoring, Safe Sitter Classes and Art Classes along with many of our returning favorites such as Theatre, Caving and a Day at the Beach.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Sharon Riley, Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James and Richard Fritsch.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

The Board met on January 11, 2012 to consider:

- A request to Accumulate Vacation Leave beyond Anniversary Date from Bill Korzenowski;
- A request to discuss a step chart form Home Delivered Meals Drivers;
- A request to discuss review of the Executive Director's job description and pay.

Action taken:

- Accumulation of Vacation Leave – approved;
- Request for chart for Home Delivered Meals Driver – no action taken;
- Request to review Executive Director's job – tabled for a latter date.

The Board met on April 11, 2012, to consider:

A letter from John Kennedy requesting an appeal of his annual review.

Action taken:

The Board believes it cannot act upon the request based upon the Town of Belchertown By-Laws Chapter 91 (Personnel) Section 91-2(A) Applicability.

Respectfully submitted,
Personnel Board Members
Richard Fritsch
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Simon James
Sharon Riley

Planning Board

In 2012, the Planning Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The Planning Board drafted a zoning bylaw for commercial solar photovoltaic installations in keeping with the town's Green Community designation, adaptable business development, and several other components of the Community Plan. This bylaw was adopted by town meeting in May.

The Planning Department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation on the state school redevelopment.

The Planning Department assisted the Conservation Department in preserving the Mead's Corner Conservation Area and in producing maps for revision of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The Planning Department assisted the Conservation Department and Agricultural Commission in obtaining agricultural preservation restrictions (APR) on the Land and the Wenzel farms.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twenty-two new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Franklin Street	5	Franklin Street Ext.	1
Lamson Avenue	1	Michael Sears Road	1
Pine Street	6	Rockrimmon Road	5
South Street	1	State Street	2

The Planning Board monitored fifteen subdivisions under construction during 2012. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

Three very old subdivisions, Sheffield Estates, Turkey Hill Estates and Oak Ridge Estates that were still incomplete were processed in the year. These had been abandoned, but were nearly complete. With the developers not taking responsibility, the board voted to declare the subdivisions in default and use whatever performance guarantees were available. These are now being brought through the final stages. The roads and drainage structures in Turkey Hill Estates and Oak Ridge Estates were accepted by town meeting in 2012. The streets are Mountainview Drive, Overlook Drive, Laurel Ridge Drive and Oak Ridge Drive. Sheffield Estates should come to town meeting in 2013.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan in consideration of the slow economy and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan reviews:

- A commercial solar photo-voltaic installation on Ware Road.
- A commercial storage building on Bay Road.
- A used car dealership on Sargent Street.
- A used car dealership on State Street.
- A solar installation on George Hannum Road; this plan was withdrawn by the applicant.

There were previously-approved site plans that were under construction during the year, including a retail store on North Main Street that was completed.

One special permit was granted by the Planning Board. This was for a residential common driveway off Allen Road.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

Two studies initiated by the Planning Board were completed in 2012. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's transportation staff analyzed the intersection of Bay Road and Federal Street. This analysis was presented to the Selectmen. The result is that while the intersection merits some physical improvements, such as adding a left-turn lane, the expense of such work is presently prohibitive. For now, clearing the sight-lines and adding signage and markings have helped. The other study was a mapping project of all the legal multiple-unit residences in town. These include the apartment buildings and known duplexes, triplexes, and accessory apartments. This knowledge should help the Zoning Board when they decide on special permit requests for additional units, should help emergency services to know where residential units are located, and should provide better standing to qualify for various state and federal programs. Planning is always made better by having good information.

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Planning Board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Plan Advisory Committee, and the advisory board of the Citizen Planners' Training Collaborative.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- Louis Faassen, Clerk (term expires: 2013);
- James Natle, Single Signature authority (term expires: 2014)
- George Synan, Chair (term expires: 2015)
- Mark Andrews, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2016);
- Christopher Laurenzo, Vice Chair (term expires: 2017);
- Robert Wojtczak, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits. (Appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department has completed another year where it continued to provide proactive policing practices while integrating community policing initiatives. The department continues to apply for grant funds to supplement our budget which if approved enable us to offer more services and patrol hours.

The dispatch center received a total of 11,331 calls that were logged into our department's dispatch software program. This does not take into account general inquiry calls that do not require a response from an officer. As a result of the calls, officers arrested 224 individuals, completed 224 incident reports as well as 260 accident reports. The officers continue to strive to provide radar patrols and traffic monitoring when time allows. The time allocated to this depends on the number of calls for service that they receive during their shift and must respond to first. Officers in 2012 issued 969 motor vehicle citations to motorists.

In my report to the residents last year I mentioned that we had been preparing to implement an auxiliary police officer program. The program became a reality starting in January with the appointment of Courtney Call, Michael Jablonski, Ryan Johnson, Stephen Lent, Justin Roy and Megan Williamson as the department's first auxiliary officers. Sergeant Kevin Pacunas and Officer Neil Lozier oversee the program. The auxiliary officers are appointed on a volunteer basis and complete a field training program with a full time officer as well as dispatch training. The auxiliary officers assist the department during large events and emergency situations as needed. Eventually, when there is a vacancy and if they are interested, they are offered a position as a part time officer.

During 2012 our department saw the retirement of two part time officers who served the department for numerous years. James A. Taylor and William C. Zobka, Jr. provided decades of dedicated service to our agency and their presence will be missed by all. We would like to extend our thanks to them for their service to the community and wish them the best in their retirement years.

Officer Ryan Johnson and Officer Justin Roy who previously were auxiliary officers were appointed in October to serve in the part time capacity because of the vacancies mentioned above. We welcome them both and hope that they will be able to provide our community with many years of service.

Stephen Lent who was in the auxiliary program left to pursue employment opportunities with another agency. In June, Joseph Boyle was appointed as an auxiliary officer and in December David DiMiero, Kristy Donahue, Timothy Hulse, Jared LaValle and Robert Ivey were appointed as auxiliary officers.

Again our department has experienced another challenging year with budgetary constraints. We were able to replace the flooring in the high traffic areas of the building which is now twelve years old. One of our cruisers was totaled as a result of an accident and it was replaced after supplemental funding was approved at special town meeting. Our vehicles accumulate numerous miles as they are used to patrol and respond to calls in the expansive area that we live in. This year as part of the budget two cruisers with approximately 120,000 miles were replaced. The acquisition of these vehicles was more expensive as manufacturers of police vehicles have discontinued models that have been in place here for several years. The equipment from our present vehicles cannot be reused thus new vehicles have to outfitted with new equipment that adds to the overall acquisition cost. The department's allocation for repairs has increased as we are spending more funds to maintain our aging vehicles.

The department continues to offer as much specialized services as it can to residents. Jason Krol, our school resource officer, is assigned to the middle and high school. Officer Krol teaches the D.A.R.E. program to students in addition to providing security and assistance to students and staff members. Our K-9 program continues to be a valuable asset to the department. Officer Adam Brougham and his partner Falco have been deployed to several incidents and have assisted other neighboring communities. The team puts in numerous hours of training to maintain their skills and to be ready when called upon. RAD and RAD Kids programs continue to be offered at various times during the year. If you are interested in attending announcements are made in the Belchertown Sentinel and through the town's Recreation Department. The department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program where officers with specialized training install and inspect safety seats for children. Appointments can be made by contacting our non-emergency number.

Officer Edward Oey serves as the department's firearms licensing officer in addition to his regular patrol activities. Residents can schedule first time or renewal appointments by contacting the dispatcher. I would like to let residents know that it has been taking an increasingly longer time to process and get the actual license back from the state. Our department would like to thank you for your patience and understanding.

On July 1, 2012 the department's communications center began providing pre-arrival instructions to callers with medical situations as part of a mandate by the Commonwealth's State 911 Department. Prior to the implementation of this service all dispatchers and officers were sent to three and a half days of training. All staff members are required to maintain their certification by completing sixteen hours of yearly in service training coupled with additional training to maintain their certification with the vendor. In December, the dispatch center began utilizing a computer aided dispatch program for the Emergency Medical Dispatch software. Residents are reminded that when calling with a medical problem that dispatchers will first obtain the address and nature of the emergency. The dispatcher will keep the caller on the line while dispatching units. The dispatcher will then return to the line to gather supplemental information and to provide pre-arrival instructions. Residents are urged to stay on the line with the dispatcher until instructed that they can disconnect. Currently the dispatch center is staffed around the clock seven days a week by one dispatcher who answers all calls for service, operates the radio system and interacts with the public who come to the station. Additional communications center staff in the future will be needed as the community continues to grow and the call volume along with added responsibilities increase.

The department also received new OpenFox Messenger software from the Department of Criminal Justice Information Systems. The software is utilized to process registration plate and license queries to name a few tasks. The software replaced an antiquated system that was originally targeted to be replaced several years ago and was acquired at no cost to the department.

Another major change at the dispatch center was the addition of fire dispatching which started on December 28th. Previously dispatchers here would receive a fire call and then contact the Town of Amherst's Communications Center to tone/dispatch the call out. After working with Chief Bock and members of his department policies and procedures were put in place that now enable all calls to be handled from start to finish here which ultimately resulted in a cost savings to the town. As part of the consolidation effort, the center's radio equipment will be upgraded at the start of 2013.

The department continues to work with the State 911 Department to obtain grants to offset the costs associated with equipment upgrades and training. Additional state mandates are causing a financial burden on the department as the state does not reimburse all training and equipment costs. The 2012 fiscal year grant acquisitions provided security enhancements at the dispatch center that included video monitoring equipment and a secure entry door. The grant allocation for the 2013 fiscal year which has been submitted and approved will be utilized to supplement the cost associated with the radio system upgrade.

The communications center will continue to see technological updates that will further enhance the dispatcher's ability to provide the highest level of service possible.

With the state of the economy the department has seen an increase of larceny, burglary and theft type incidents in 2012. I would like to remind all residents to secure their homes when they leave and to keep their vehicles locked. If anyone observes a suspicious vehicle and/or person, please contact our department so an officer can be dispatched to investigate.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the officers and dispatchers that comprise the department for their continued diligent service to the community. Additionally, I would like to thank all the town departments and employees that interact with us and provide us with valuable insight and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis R. Fox, Jr.
Chief of Police

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works began 2012 in the same manner as it ended 2011 with the continued arduous and time consuming cleanup of brush piles and downed tree limbs along town roadsides as a result of storm "Alfred" which occurred on October 29, 2011. This monumental task utilized every division of the Department of Public Works who collectively conducted a massive town-wide cleanup that spanned every mile of roadway within the Town of Belchertown. By the end of February 2012 the Department completed 100% of this task though the long-lasting damage from storm "Alfred" will not soon be forgotten.

Since the onset of "Alfred" the Department has been working together with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), providing them with the necessary documentation pertaining to "Alfred's" cleanup costs for reimbursement. On Monday, April 2, 2012, FEMA Representative Jim Ryan was assigned to the Town of Belchertown to collect "Alfred's" damages/costs incurred from the Department of Public Works and the Town Accountant's Office who produced this mile-high data required to meet all FEMA regulations. The Town began receiving reimbursement by mid-June 2012. Depicted categories of work conducted, associated costs and allocated reimbursements for the Department of Public Works is as follows:

FEMA- Storm "Alfred"

Category	Date Awarded	Services Performed/Conducted	Eligible	Reimbursements - 75%
CAT B-Snow Removal	4.30.12	Materials, Contract Services, Direct Administrative Costs	$56,506.35	$42,379.76
CAT A-Debris Removal	7.20.12	Hired Services	$512,235.08	$384,176.31
CAT F-Sewer Equipment Damages	7.25.12	Wastewater Treatment Plant-Contract Services for repairs/replacement of damaged/ destroyed components and related power outage/interruption. Equipment purchases for storm damage(s)	$2,500.00	$1,875.00
CAT E - Town Vehicles	8.9.12	Damages to DPW municipal vehicle fleet, commercial repairs and parts.	$1,494.88	$1,121.16
		Totals:	$570,236.31	$429,552.23

One last note regarding Storm "Alfred", while several neighboring cities and towns opted to hire out- of- state contractors to conduct and/or assist with their towns' cleanup from Storm "Alfred", the Department of Public Works acted on its own accord and foresight to retain our town's private contractors to assist with this monumental cleanup. By doing so, the Department was able to save thousands of dollars and remained in control of its daily tasks and work schedule. The Department wishes to thank all private contractors for their valued services during this time of crisis and their major assistance and contribution towards restoring the Town of Belchertown to its rural hometown community prior to "Alfred's" historical destruction.

Even with the Department's ongoing recovery efforts from Storm "Alfred" we still managed to conduct Green Community work since the town's designation in year 2010. On January 23, 2012, the Town of Belchertown's Board of Selectmen accepted the adoption of the revised "Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy" which governs the replacement of all non-exempt municipal vehicles under the Green Communities Program. First enacted on April 27, 2010, this report requires the continued inventory of all town government vehicles' monthly consumption of fuel (i.e. gas/diesel). In addition, the Department continues to maintain reporting kilowatt usage from every town-owned building and fuel oils consisting of propane and oil consumption. The Department has been maintaining these statistics on a monthly/yearly basis since its baseline year began in 2008-2009.

The Department is proud to announce that the Town of Belchertown was the first town to submit its Green Communities Annual Report to the Department of Energy Resource, (DOER) on November 8, 2012, and in advance of the required deadline of November 30, 2012. The Department's efforts towards saving energy have not only met the required 20% goal in decreased consumption but are proud of submitting a 24.4 % decrease in just our third year of reporting. The Department will continue to track and monitor the town's energy usage until year 2013 as a requirement for the Town to maintain its Green Community status and it is expected that our efforts towards energy savings will be further produced along the way.

In addition, the Department of Public Works continues to be a key player in the ongoing work with Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. Projects that were conducted during year 2012 are as follows:

Building	Project	Project Cost
Town Hall	Vending Machine Miser	$440.00
Town Hall	Lighting Controls	$547.00
EMS	Smart Thermostat	$983.00
EMS	Lighting Controls	$2688.00
Recreation Center	Smart Thermostat	$3933.00
Recreation Center	Boiler Replacement	$138,867.00

Building	Project	Project Cost
Recreation Center	Building Envelope	$31,639.00
Freedom Hall	Boiler Replacement	$138,350.00
Freedom Hall	Building Envelope	$30,844.00
Police Station	Building Envelope	$30,127.00
Police Station	Lighting Controls	$5772.00
Police Station	Ducted Return from Plenum	$62,033
WWTP	Installation of Drives	$21,404.00
WWTP	Exterior Lighting	$14,147.00

Grants: The Community Preservation Committee received two project applications from the Department of Public Works in 2012. The first project consisted of the Restoration of the Tower Clock located in the Old Congregational Church on Park Street. The scope of this project entails the historic restoration and preservation of the clock which is believed to be one of only seven clocks in the country remaining with a very rare movement. As of this report, the Department is actively searching for a contractor with the necessary expertise and technical ability needed for its proper restoration. The restoration of this clock will benefit the Town of Belchertown's residential community as well as visitors passing through our scenic town.

Our second application consisted of the Repainting and Restoration of the Old Town Hall located on Park Street. The scope of this project entails the preservation (i.e. painting and restoration) of the exterior of the building and its wooden windows. The Department was able to retain Kronenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc. from Middletown, Ct, on August 10, 2012, and by mid-November the incessant scraping of the old paint had been completely removed from the Old Town Hall's surface but the impending cold weather prohibited further work of primer and final exterior paint coat finishes. Work will resume in early spring 2013 and the Department looks forward to seeing this project brought to fruition by preserving another town historic landmark.

Roadways and Reconstruction: Moving into the areas of roadways and reconstruction, the Department's efforts seeking the Reconstruction of Route 181 have ebbed despite the fact that the plans advanced fully to the 100% phase by early 2012. In addition, the residents of Belchertown voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve this "Transportation Improvement Project" which is to include repairs, improvements, reconstruction, sidewalks, and drainage to name a few. Due to revisions and further approval by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, (MASSDOT) this near 5.6 mile stretch of roadway requires the procurement of easements and right-of-ways from those residents located within this scope of work. In September 2012, the Department retained Crowley Appraisers & Associates, Inc. from Wilbraham, MA to provide appraisal services to those remaining residents with easements located in the Towns' Right of Way. Then on Monday, October 22, 2012, a MASSDOT meeting was held with DPW Director Steve

Williams and Brian Brosnan representing the Engineering/Consulting firm VHB, Inc., to which the Department was notified of yet several more changes and requests thereby throwing yet another detour into this already delayed project. The Department remains confident and steadfast with its efforts toward getting this project underway; which is now scheduled into year 2013-2014.

Antipodes to the Route 181 project we were successful to progress into the final design stages for the improvements to the Town's Main Street/Maple Street/Jabish Street Intersection Project and estimated final project cost of $679,884.58 (1.3.2013). Work began during the week of September 17, 2012 with improvements being made throughout the intersection which will provide an exclusive left turn lane to the South Main Street northbound approach and reconfigured lane assignments on Maple Street eastbound. Also, this project is to include new signal equipment, minor widening of South Main and Maple Streets, new sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, new and reset granite curbing, cold plane-overlay and new striping and signage. With work ongoing as of this report, it is expected that completion will occur during 2013-2014, with results geared towards alleviation of the Town's center congestion due to a newly designed intersection allowing for a more free flowing passage of vehicles.

Stormwater Management: The Department of Public Works continues reviewing the Stormwater Management applications annually, thus completing 22 applications for year 2012. The Departments Annual Stormwater Training for all divisions was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 and conducted by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil who documents and records the Department's activity for the year and in order to maintain compliance. In addition, an additional Stormwater Management meeting was held on April 12, 2012 with the overseeing committees present; Board of Health, Building Inspections and Conservation.

Earth Day: The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on April 22, 2012 by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of curbside trash. A total of 171 trash bags were given out to 16 participants who collected trash in various locations throughout the Town. All trash was disposed of at the town's Transfer Station. The Department wishes to thank all town residents who participated in this year's Earth Day event and appreciates your effort towards keeping our community green.

Safety: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone/Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

Vehicles and Equipment: In the areas of vehicles and equipment in 2012, the Department was able to purchase the following vehicles and equipment as listed below:

- Backhoe: $115,000.00
- Cat 928F Wheel Loader: $ 79,860.00
- One New 2013 Cab & Chassis w/combination Dump/Spreader Body & Plow Package: $ 157,395.00

The following list is comprised of the Department's surplused vehicles and equipment:

- 1995 Caterpillar Wheel Loader
- 1986 Ford Dump Truck
- 1997 Ford Taurus, 4 Door
- 1967 Kohler Generator
- 1984 Lindsey Air Compressor
- 1999 Snyder, 2,500 gallon brine storage tank
- 2005 Vertical brine storage tank

The Department's individual divisions also completed a variety of other projects that I will describe below:

Highway Division: In February 2012, four months past Storm "Alfred's" destruction, the Department completed 100% of brush and tree removal. DPW crews worked around the clock and side by side with private contractors to tackle the ongoing collection of brush, twigs, and small branches that fell as a result of this storm. In addition, the treating of the town's roads continued with de-icing agents and snow plow removal.

On July 26, 2012, the New England Central Railroad requested the assistance of the Department to conduct upgrades to the existing railroad crossing located on Bay Road in Belchertown. The Department had to close Bay Road from Allen Street to Rita Lane detouring traffic so this work could occur. In addition, the Department assisted with paving alongside the New England Central Railroad tracks to complete required upgrades and was able to re-open road passage again on July 27, 2012 to all thru traffic.

In September 2012, the Highway Division bid a fond farewell to one of its own, Thomas Hathaway, who entered into retirement after serving in the DPW as a Highway Laborer. The Department will miss his dedication to the Department.

Then on October 29, 2012, exactly one year from the destruction of storm "Alfred" a perfect storm hit the New England coastline entitled hurricane "Sandy". Once again, Governor Deval Patrick declared a State of Emergency closing schools and ordering all cities and towns to prepare for the potentially worst hurricane to hit the entire eastern seaboard; bringing damaging gale force winds, torrential rainfall, heavy inland flooding and even the potential for snow. The Department had been tracking this storm since its birth down in the eastern Caribbean Islands and its destructive path up the east coast. DPW crews had already been placed on standby notice awaiting the cleanup that consisted of fallen trees and heavy limbs along with heavily flooded basins, storm drains and street flooding upon "Sandy" making landfall. Overall, the Town of Belchertown fared well as the storm moved inland at a much faster pace than expected sparing our town and its surrounding area from the worst of hard hit damages.

Alongside the triad of storms, "Irene", "Alfred" and "Sandy" we incurred in 2011-2012, the Highway Department still managed to conduct its yearly maintenance consisting of crack sealing, drainage repairs and clearing of brush and removal of accumulated silt in various detention basins throughout the Town.

This Department strives endlessly towards keeping our roads well traveled and maintained during all seasons of the year. During the 2011-2012 snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $4,556.00 approximately 21.10% higher than the 2010-2011 season ($3,762). The total cost for the season: $134,403.97.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during 11 months of the year, shoveling approximately 903.64 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a ten-foot wide strip one inch deep over 2.72 miles.

The Division was responsible for the following resurfacing/reclamation projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings:

Street	Feet	Cost	Street	Feet	Cost
Turkey Hill Road	1500′	$40,000	Gold Street	2375′	$78,000
Barrett Street	1000′	$42,000	North Liberty Street	4600′	$95,000
Orchard Road	1425′	$45,000	Eskett Road	2435′	$30,000
Allen Street	1770′	$20,000	No. Washington Street	1220′	$24,000
Underwood Street	1770′	$22,000	Boardman Street	570 ft.	$6,500

Total: 18,665′; $402,500

Public Way Acquisitions: The Department of Public Works submitted requests at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 14, 2012, for the addition of two public roadways. Adding to the Department's already lengthy list of streets to maintain are Oak Ridge Drive and a cul-de-sac or turn around area located at the end of Shea Avenue. Both of these street additions have now been submitted to the Executive Office of Transportation Planning to be entered into the Town of Belchertown's road inventory file.

Additionally, we placed several warrant articles to be included on the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, November 26, 2012. The list below provides information as to those awarded.

- Article 2: Town's intention to lay out as a public way streets within the Turkey Hill Estates Subdivision identified as Mountain View Drive, Laurel Ridge Drive, and Overlook Drive. These streets will also be added into the Departments road inventory.
- Article 3: $22,000 for the rehabilitation of sidewalks at the Lawrence Memorial Hall.
- Article 4: Extension of a lease/purchase agreement of up to five years for pickup trucks for the DPW.
- Article 5: $19,000 to raise a building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Article 6: $37,000 for asbestos abatement and demolition of building at 10 Everett Avenue for additional parking.
- Article 7: $12,000 for asbestos abatement and interior demolition at the Butler Building located on the grounds of Foley Field.
- Article 8: Acceptance for the Acquisition of Route 181 Transportation Project.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 119,100,000 gallons of wastewater this past year; significantly lower than what was received in 2011 (175,100,000 gallons). They also had 14 new connections during the year, six of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system and eight came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,694 equivalent dwelling units.

The decrease in sewerage flow was primarily due to a dryer year than 2011 as we experienced a 49.5% decrease in annual rainfall; a 33.5 inch difference from 2011 to 2012.

The Department also completed the sixth year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2012, activities included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and a cleaning of approximately 5000 feet of collection system. In addition to these efforts the Department of Pubic Works had repaired a problematic area of sewer line identified from the 2011 Inflow & Infiltration study.

Transfer Station: The Transfer Station remains dedicated towards providing our town residents a clean and safe depository of both trash waste and recyclable items. Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1613 which continues to vary slightly for those who participate in our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during the year 2012.

- 407.53 tons of commingled containers, paper and cardboard
- 1,400 gallons of waste oil
- 443 Tires
- 752.45 tons of solid waste
- 12.45 tons of electronics
- 46.33 tons of scrap steel
- 6.5 tons of textile

This year the Department raised fees to dispose of larger model televisions that have reached the end of their life cycles (i.e. Plasmas, LCD'S). These incremental fees are charged according to the televisions diagonal measurement- corner-to-corner- screen size only, and are as listed: Television Fees: 0"-25"/$10.00; 26"-40"/$15.00; 41"+ /$20.00.

In addition, the Transfer Station Permit Sticker fees remained the same at $100.00 and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at $80.00. The Department also raised pricing for large size orange recyclable trash bags from $14.50 to $17.00 per bundle of 10 and small size bags from $11.00 to $12.00. These bags may be purchased at a variety of stores, town offices and at the Transfer Station located at 135 Hamilton Street.

Cemetery Division: The Belchertown Cemetery Division continues to archive all deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. In 2012, we conducted a total of 26 burials, consisting of 16 earthen burials and 10 cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repair. In addition, we continue to make headway utilizing our "Peopleforms" programming database which now archives our town's entire Mt. Hope Cemetery deceased totaling 3,975 entries. In addition, we have begun archiving our South Cemetery deceased as well totaling 569 to date and into our independently created "Web Cemetery" website link which was designed to provide information to anyone wishing to locate a deceased family member. This link can be located and utilized by going to our DPW website via www.belchertown.org and simply using the link as provided here: http://www.mapsonline.net/belchertownma/cemetery_search

With regards to mapping, the Department now boasts a large framed map of our Town's Mt. Hope Cemetery, size 4ft. x 6ft, and held on display at our 290 Jackson Street, Highway Garage location for public viewing and/or assistance. This easy to read display will assist anyone wishing to locate a family member or conducting a genealogical research.

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance: The Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Division was extremely busy during 2012 caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space to include recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, all of which were time consuming, required knowledge of, and geared towards decreasing energy costs to the town as well as preparing for future harsh weather events as those experienced this past year. Below is a list, to name a few, of the projects this division conducted:

- Completion of the restoration of the windows at the Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Replaced two decrepit buildings at DPW adding 1500 sq. ft. of storage space and height to allow for additional parking for equipment and from harsh weather.
- Overseeing the stripping and painting project for the restoration project of the Old Town Hall.
- Replaced the antiquated generators located at the MIS/Computer Department and the Highway Garage locations with the addition of a new generator at the Lawrence Memorial Hall.
- Overseeing of replacement of a boiler located at the Freedom Center
- Removed the cupola on top of the Senior Center
- Replaced the roof and insulation at the Senior Center
- Conducted the seeding and fertilization of all Recreation and School fields.
- Annual repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Planted trees at the Lawrence Memorial Hall and along the Town Common in replacement of storm "Alfred".
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair components.
- Spent countless hours with The Siemens Group correlating energy upgrades for town buildings.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

In early 2012, the Department of Public Works entered into its final contract stages for the repair of all 99 nine windows of the Lawrence Memorial Hall and with an estimated budgeted construction cost of $350,000. Architect Roy S. Brown from Wilbraham, Mass. was retained to oversee this project with the chosen bid award going to Kronenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc., from Middletown CT. All work was conducted according to the specifications and stayed on its projected monetary targeted goal with a final date of completion on June 30, 2012, and final payment costs of $310,572.00. Results have already been realized and the exorbitant heat loss has been sustained with energy savings resulting on the positive side.

On Monday July 9, 2012, the bid opening for the installation of three Emergency Generators was held and awarded to Atlas Electric Inc. By mid-September work began for their installation at the following locations: Lawrence Memorial Hall. 2 Jabish Street; DPW Building, 290 Jackson Street; and Tadgell Building located at 7 Berkshire Avenue. Final costs for all three generators and their respective installations amounted to $101,675.00. The initial startup of all three generators was successful and occurred between December 4-6, 2012; they are now in place to provide backup energy in the event of an emergency and/or devastating weather event or catastrophe in our town.

Tree and Vegetation Control: The Town's Tree Warden, Steve Williams, had his work cut out for him reviewing the large volume of trees that were damaged from storm "Alfred" in October of 2011 and well into 2012. On March 8, 2012, the Town of Belchertown issued a "Public Shade Tree Removal Permit" in accordance with MGL, Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 regarding the Cutting of Public Shade Trees/Damages, allowing National Grid, Hazard Tree Mitigations Program to make damage assessment(s) of the main three-phase lines in Belchertown. This Permit allows for town-owned trees that are hazardous and/or prone to failure, pose a threat to public safety and endanger the reliability of the main distribution lines along these routes, and those that were identified for removal or pruning in an effort to reduce or eliminate their risk of failure. All totaled, 76 trees were identified by National Grid Arborists for removal.

In addition, the Department supervised the removal of 94 trees consisting of the following varieties: 25 oak, 5 ash, 5 pine, 1 hickory, 56 maples, 1 birch and 1 locus. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

Concluding Statement: In closing, despite the fact that in 2012 the Town of Belchertown landed itself on the list of "most unfortunate town names (research conducted by the Boston Business Journal and performed by Findmypast.com from seven English-speaking countries) ranking number six out of the top ten polled, we consider ourselves most fortunate to have survived what we endured throughout the year. So, saying Bon-Voyage to 2012 is an understatement as our community has suffered and struggled through hard times, lost loved ones and the most severe weather we have seen in decades.

Nonetheless, our town manages to resurrect itself time after time due to the dedication of the Department of Public Works. We somehow manage to complete each year successfully, albeit with depleted resources and give support whenever and wherever we can assist. We remain grateful for the continued support of the countless private contractors who assist us throughout the year. This year was a very tough and trying year for all of us here at the Department of Public Works and I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work year after year.

Dylan Bachand, WWTP Laborer
Christopher Besancon, Maintenance Division Laborer
Heather Blanchard-WWTP Operator l
Max Bock, Maintenance Division Public Buildings & Grounds Supervisor
Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Supervisor
Darin Braese, Heavy Equipment Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Working Foreman
Terry Chevalier, Highway Division Laborer
David Clegg, Maintenance Division Working Foreman
Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
Dennis Daniels, Equipment Operator II
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Supervisor
Chris Elias, Highway Division Mechanic/Truck Driver
Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic/Truck Driver
John Grossman, Maintenance Laborer
Thomas Hathaway, Highway Division Laborer
Walter "Jimmy" Henry, Highway Division Laborer
Anthony Hurtado, Transfer Station Laborer
Karl Jensen, Building Custodian
Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Laborer
Denis Lessard, Heavy Equipment Operator II
Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant II

Sean Madden, Maintenance Laborer
John Panzetti, Heavy Equipment Operator I
Leo Peet, Heavy Equipment Operator I
Jeff Plant, Maintenance Worker
Ronald Ritter, Heavy Equipment Operator I
Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Supervisor
Samantha Taylor, Building Custodian
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator II

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

Recreation Commission

Over the past year, the Recreation Commission has worked on improving services offered by the Recreation Department by establishing policies that advocate for reconstructed tennis courts where current ones are closed, has orchestrated having the lights turned on for outdoor basketball programs, has established and updated policies for the Recreation Department to insure equitable use of fields and facilities for improved programming, and has been instrumental in supporting the start of a Girl's Field Hockey program. In addition, the Commission has advocated for increased grant applications for additional funding along with supporting expanded teen center programming. The Commission worked with the Aquatics Director to institute a computer program to allow the Director to more efficiently manage the many certification updates that are needed. The Recreation Commission has also begun cooperating with Jessica's Boundless Playground to investigate funding sources that would benefit both the tennis courts as well as the Playground.

The Recreation Commission is committed to providing the community with the best possible recreation programs and opportunities for the community of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Recreation Commission
Megan Manitsas, Chairman
Ed Sokolowski
Andrew French
Karen Corey
Kelly Harris
Shannon Synan
Nick O'Connor
Tilo Schiffer, Associate Member

Scholarship Committee

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o The Town of Belchertown or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill.

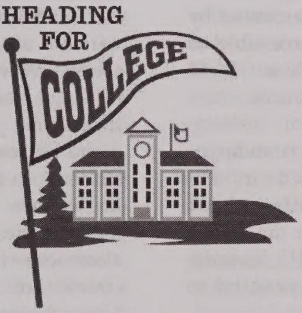
The Committee has the following voluntary members; Dr. Judith Houle, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Clare Popovich, Judith Dudek and Simon James, Chairperson.

In the year of 2012 we awarded seven scholarships of varying amounts to Belchertown residents; Carla Brooks, Ryan Jopson, Jessica Mailhot, Bohan Wu, Corey Zulkiewicz, Marc Lamontagne and Kayla Smith.

We started the year with a balance of $1,835.21 and ended it with a balance of $710.45. We received donations and interest of $1,175.24. We paid out $2,300 in scholarships. Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee



Belchertown Public Schools

Superintendent of Schools

District Progress on our Strategic Plan: The Belchertown Public Schools have continued work on our district's strategic mission and plan:

The mission of the Belchertown Public Schools is to ensure that every student meets with success every day. To that end, we pledge to ensure that we have rigorous, standards-based curriculum; instruction designed to meet the needs of diverse learners in every classroom; and access to the global learning community via state-of-the-art technology in schools that are communities of respect and civility for all.

2011-2015 Strategic Plan Goals (adopted by the Belchertown School Committee, 3/1/11):

Goal #1: To have guaranteed (standards-based and implemented by all), viable (doable and accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area.

Goal #2: To have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (grounded in 21st Century skills), differentiated instructional practices with the ability to access the global learning community via technology available to every learner.

Goal #3: To implement a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

Teachers and administrators worked together in 2012 to create seamless curriculum documents in every content area. In addition to the work that was accomplished in 2011, work was begun on Social Studies, Science, Visual Arts, Music, and Physical Education. The School Committee approved a new Mathematics curriculum on June 19, 2012, in line with the new national Common Core Standards, which Massachusetts has adopted. Teachers are now working together to write units of instruction as they begin to implement the new curricula.

In the area of technology, we have put wireless access points into all of our schools as we prepare for the addition of new technologies to enhance instruction. The proliferation of resources on the Internet to engage students in learning is truly amazing, so we are investigating models for incorporating technology into every classroom in the district over the course of the next few years. Massachusetts will be participating in a new assessment system, known as PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of

Readiness for College and Careers), set to launch in the 2014-15 school year, which will require us to use technology to administer these tests. These tests will replace the current MCAS system. We are now providing information to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding our status with technology. Our current technologies are not sufficient to meet the demands of this new assessment system, so we will be working to ensure that we are ready for PARCC.

Our district successfully launched the PeaceBuilders program in all our schools as part of our bullying prevention and intervention plan. We are continuing the implementation of this program in our schools this school year, embracing the following six principles: (1) praise people, (2) give up put downs, (3) seek wise people, (4) notice hurts, (5) right wrongs, and (6) help others. These principles are beginning to take hold as we make sure that civility and mutual respect are a way of life in our schools. All of our schools are working to find new ways to engage students in this program: Swift River Elementary School held a series of peace rallies on December 7, 2012 in order to bring the students together as PeaceBuilders, Chestnut Hill Community School has launched a Random Acts of Kindness program as a means of recognizing students who show kindness to others, and Jabish Brook Middle School held a Sixties Peace Day as part of their spirit week in October in order to engage students in conversations about the negative effects of bullying. All schools are continuing with engaging students through a series of monthly themes to encourage respect, tolerance, and kindness toward others.

The School Committee added an action plan to the second goal their strategic plan, which is the implementation of the new Massachusetts Educator Evaluation Model System. A joint labor-management committee negotiated the parameters of the evaluation system by adapting model language provided to us by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which has been approved by the department. This new system provides teachers and administrators the opportunity to work together toward professional improvement by setting goals, observing instructional practice, and sharing artifacts of evidence designed to demonstrate work toward those goals.

All of this work is done in the context of an ever-increasingly difficult economic climate. We use grants to help us do much of the core work of the district, which is strengthening our curriculum and instruction, and are grateful to the town for the local support you provide to help us continue to strengthen our services to students as a district.

New Department Name and Administrator: The Department of Special Education is now known as the Department of Student Support Services. Patricia Susen, our former

Director of Special Education, left the district this fall to take a new position. Ms. Kristi Guzzo was hired and began her work in December as our new Director of Student Support Services. The name change of this department is due largely to the fact that it covers more than special education services. Other programs that fall under this department include Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, English Language Learner programs, homeless liaison services, and homebound tutoring. We are pleased to have Ms. Guzzo as part of our Senior Leadership Team.

Superintendent's Update Blog: In August 2012, I launched a blog containing weekly updates of activities across the district. This blog is designed to increase community awareness of the happenings in our district. The blog can be accessed by going to our main web site, www.belchertownps.org, and clicking on the link on the top menu bar titled, Superintendent's Update. There are two ways to keep informed of new posts on the blog site, one by RSS feed and one by email. If, at any time, you have any questions or comments pertaining to the blog, feel free to call me at 413.323.0423 or email me at superintendent@belchertown.org.

In Appreciation: Educating children is the most rewarding and most important work that any town can do. The Belchertown Public Schools cannot do this work alone. We are blessed with members of the community who step to the plate every day to help us. We are indebted to our PTO organizations, parent and community members of our school councils, athletic and music booster groups, countless numbers of volunteers who help out in our classrooms every day, and partnerships with various community groups. I would like to thank the School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and all the members of our community who are supportive of the work we do to ensure the success of our students every day. The African proverb, "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child," is clearly evidenced by the citizens of Belchertown and for that, I am truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judith C. Houle
Superintendent of Schools

Student Support Services

The Special Education Department has seen many changes during the latter half of 2012. After the previous Director of Special Education, Ms. Patricia Susen took a position in another district, Ms. Patricia Stevens accepted a part-time position as the interim director from September to December. Ms. Stevens has worked hard to make necessary changes within the realm of student support services and will continue to contract with the district through June as my mentor.

The month of December again brought a new director, this time in a full-time capacity. I'd like to begin by introducing myself. I am Kristi Guzzo, the new Director of Student Support Services. As you can see, with the change of directors also came a change in the title of the department and position. For starters, the change from "Special Education" to "Student Support Services" was made to encompass all areas that this department covers. Although special education makes up a large part of our focus, the department also supports many other aspects of education and the new title now reflects this. Beyond special education, Student Support Services includes English Language Learner instruction for students who do not speak English as their first language and/or at home, Section 504 plans for instructional supports and accommodations in the general education classroom for students with identified disabilities, transportation for homeless students through McKinney-Vento, and Home/Hospital services for students with significant medical diagnoses preventing them from attending school. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, provides support services for our students.

Beyond the change in the department name, Student Support Services has also begun, and will continue, to make many other positive changes over the coming year. Many of the changes made during the first half of this school year began with Ms. Stevens as the interim director. With help from other members of the Student Support Staff, Ms. Stevens was able to increase the awareness of state regulations imposing the need for transition planning for students beginning at the age of 14. Initially, the district was found to be out of compliance with the specific indicator that transition planning is under (Indicator 13), yet I am proud to share we are now 90% compliant in this area and in the next year, with the changes now in place, we should be 100% in compliance. To meet compliance with this indicator (assuring that transition planning for all special education students begins by their 14th birthday), transition planning will now begin in 8th grade instead of waiting until after the student turns 14.

Ms. Stevens also worked very closely with Dr. Houle to cut unnecessary spending and found ways to more effectively use our in-district staff and resources. Appropriate contracts have been written, Purchase Order numbers have been assigned, lines of the budget for which money is being used have been identified, and spending is very closely monitored. The Student Support Services department will continue working very closely with Dr. Houle and the Contracted School Business Manager, Mr. Ed Dunn, on the Student Support Services budget.

Specific changes that I have made over the past month of my employment include working closely with principals and guidance counselors to improve the effectiveness of interventions and accommodations to support students in general education who may display some difficulties in the classroom. These interventions and accommodations are part of the Response to Intervention model utilized across the country to assist students in general education in an attempt to avoid unnecessary and inappropriate referrals to special education. Education for staff and the community regarding what special education actually entails is beginning to be provided and will continue to be provided during the next year. Special Education teachers and related service staff are also being provided with concrete instruction for writing specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound goals/objectives for students on Individualized Education Plans.

In the coming year, we are also looking into improving the transitional program currently at the high school to include a more intensive life skills, pre-vocational, and vocational program for students remaining in the public schools until the age of 22. I am currently awaiting approval from the state regarding a Professional Development grant from which the funding for improving this program would come. Through conversations with staff members throughout the district and within Central Office, some other areas of need have been identified and I am currently looking into the possibilities of hiring other staff members to join our community rather than paying outside sources.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department has been working hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members through direct phone calls and/or emails to parents with concerns and questions. Over the next couple months, I look forward to building and maintaining a relationship with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working towards improving and even discussing possibilities of other appropriate programs necessary for our students.

Over all, it is my own personal goal to continue to build a more cohesive relationship between special education and general education. We are absolutely on the right path to making this goal a reality and I'm optimistic about the positive changes in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi A. Guzzo, Director
Student Support Services

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report

Cold Spring School experienced much success and growth during the 2012 school year. Several of the goals and objectives outlined in their school improvement plan were accomplished. Early childhood educators spent many hours aligning the district's English Language Arts and Mathematics curricula with the new national Common Core Standards and Massachusetts State frameworks. They also began writing units of study in those two disciplines using the Understanding by Design format so that their students could develop a deeper knowledge base and be able to transfer their skills to other areas of their lives. Continued emphasis was placed on developing the whole child through the expansion of the PeaceBuilders social competency program and the engagement of families, volunteers and community members. Inroads have also been made in enhancing the technological infrastructure of Cold Spring School, as we prepare to integrate technology into the various aspects of instruction and learning. These improvements were acknowledged and noted by the School Council members responsible for drafting and overseeing the plan. They include: Christopher Ronkese, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Sandra Bremer, Co-Chair, Administration; Louise Butler, Teacher Representative; Elizabeth Moynihan, Teacher Representative; Melissa Roy, Parent Representative; and Dawn French, Community Representative.

Collecting data and using it to inform instructional practices at Cold Spring School was highlighted as all students participated in a new assessment initiative entitled DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). This evaluation instrument allowed teachers to collect pertinent data on each child so that they could provide more individualized instruction and differentiate their teaching practices to better meet the needs of all students.

One hundred and fifty-nine kindergartners were promoted to Swift River Elementary School in June of 2012. In an effort to enhance a smoother transition from kindergarten to first grade, a step-up program was piloted with much success. The 2012 – 2013 school year began with one hundred and seventy-five new kindergartens and twenty-one preschoolers. A new teacher, Brendan McCarthy, was hired at the beginning of the school year to fill the vacant position created by the retirement of Kathleen Kucinski who will be missed by her peers, colleagues and the many students she taught along the way.

Students at Cold Spring School will be assessed in seven different domains this year as teachers received extensive training in the new Work Sampling System (WSS). This comprehensive program allows teachers to monitor and document their students' progress, growth and achievement in a more extensive format. Work samples will be collected during the course of the school year to comprise individual student portfolios demonstrating what children are learning, what they are beginning to master and what they may still need to work on. Developmental guidelines and summary reports will be generated in the seven major areas to demonstrate progress through concrete illustrations of the child's thinking and performance levels. Portfolio samples will be gathered in personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, the arts, and physical development and health. We are very excited about implementing this new strategic and purposeful assessment and look forward to communicating and sharing the results with our students' families.

Cold Spring School is certainly experiencing dynamic growth and keeping pace with research based initiatives to continually improve its program so that our children experience the best possible education that we can collectively provide for them. We are most grateful and appreciative of the support we receive from our parent teacher organization, the foster grandparents program and all the dedicated volunteers who work so tirelessly to help our little ones gain a solid educational foundation to become lifelong learners and contributing members of society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Sandra Bremer, Principal
Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2012 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement and improving assessment and instruction through scientifically based researched programs. Through those efforts we are proud to say we have moved up to a Level 1 school. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 574 students.

We had to say a heart felt goodbye to Sharon Marean, Nancy Kwiatkowski and Janice Pilet who retired after a combined total of 106 years of service to the Belchertown School System. They have served the school community with their passion towards education as well as their active involvement within the Belchertown community. We wish Ms. Marean, Ms. Kwiatkowski and Ms. Pilet many years of happiness in their retirement. Following the retirements we added a new teacher to the third grade team, Ms. Allison Carey, other changes in staffing include moving Elizabeth Robert from second grade to third grade and Darryl Clark from first grade to second grade. Also, we were fortunate to increase our Title 1 support by adding an additional half time teacher to the current staffing.

In the area of technology, we are moving forward in many initiatives to provide opportunities for staff and students. Over the past school year we have received equipment in the form of interactive teaching technologies such as Mimio teach boards, which turn whiteboards into interactive learning spaces, Mimio vote systems, laptop computers, document cameras, writing tablets and other software related programs. Many staff members have been involved in ongoing training provided by the district to enhance the use of this equipment within their classrooms. In addition, we have a computer lab within the Library which is accessible to all students in grades 1, 2 and 3. We have also piloted minicomputer lab stations within classrooms to enhance the availability and access to online resources to incorporate student learning software programs. PowerSchool continues to drive our student management system for the district to keep accurate and up to date information. We will continue to explore other modules to better service our school community.

We are continuing our efforts this year with the PeaceBuilders program in order to support students in solving problems peacefully and in building community. At Swift River we say the PeaceBuilders pledge daily in which student pledge to praise people, give up putdowns, seek people, to notice hurts, to right wrongs, and to help others both in school and in their community. In the fall, the entire student population at SRE participated in a peace rally which involved singing, reciting poems, cooperative pledges, all of which were focused on understanding how important it is to build a peaceful community. We have created a variety of activities both for the classroom and to encourage family participation at home.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment were the savings bank program for all grade levels. This program instills a sense of responsibility within our students and helps connect academics to real world experiences. An after school math program was developed in the spring to help struggling students that needed the extra push for success and confidence. Parents were also provided a workshop to equip them with the understanding of new concepts and approaches to current math systems and offered practice in a fun and interactive way. In addition, we conducted a series of workshops, offered by the guidance department designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics. The PTO supported this partnership by offering craft nights to students while there parent(s) participated in the workshop. We have developed a Family Resource Center located at the front entrance to the building that offers helpful brochures and contact information that is easily accessible to parents.

We continue to implement the Tiered Instruction Model for academics. This model provides levels of support to meet the needs of all students. To strengthen Tier I, we have been involved with the district-wide curriculum initiative and are on our way in developing cohesive and standards based units of study in all areas. In order to promote student achievement, and provide Tier II instruction, we have implemented a dedicated 30 minute block of time each day to provide skill based, data driven instruction and enrichment opportunities. Our professional development for teachers has been centered on Tiered Instruction, differentiated instruction and Tier II interventions and enrichment and the development of Unit templates in each grade level.

In the Spring of 2012, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. We were proud to have a member of our faculty, Lee Harder, third grade teacher, as a recipient of this prestigious award. We are proud to have dedicated teachers that serve the town of Belchertown that go above and beyond each day.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2012 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Jennifer Torna, parent representative; Anna Marques, parent representative and Donald Moran as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal
Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School (CHCS) Principal's Report

Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can learn. Each is an individual deserving recognition for his or her special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and with the support of family, the dedicated staff strives to educate every child to be academically successful, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner.

In the spring of 2012, all third grade students from Swift River Elementary School took part in a "Move up Day". The students met with administration, the school counselor, toured the building, and took part in a question and answer session with fourth grade students to help their transition from third to fourth grade.

In honor of the 2012 Summer Olympics, Chestnut Hill Community School Administration and the Physical Education Department had a challenge for all CHCS students to reach eight hundred thousand minutes (800,000) of physical activity. For every 30 minutes of physical activity, students filled out a gold medal template. Once the medals were returned, the gold medals were displayed throughout the school hallways, leading up to the Olympic Torch. Various district-wide administrators and staff including Dr. Houle, Superintendent, Mr. Scott Karen, Technology Director, Mr. Ben Admussen, Data Administrator, and Jason Krol, Resource Officer, took part in the final challenge assembly by dressing as various characters from Star Wars.

During the fall of 2012, Chestnut Hill Community School welcomed a new talented educator to the existing faculty. New faculty member, hired as the result of a retirement was Jennifer McNulty, art teacher.

Much of our faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on improving teaching and learning. Members of the faculty have taken part in a number of initiatives that have already been implemented including the following:

1. An ambitious curriculum process that has teachers at all grade levels collaborating on writing K-12, seamless standards based curriculum in all content areas.
2. District-wide professional development focus designed to equip our faculty with the best instructional tools (i.e. technology, UbD Units), necessary to meet the ever increasing diversity of learners in our classrooms.
3. Taking part in school wide "PeaceBuilders" activities to ensure that students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect supported by all adults in the community.

Chestnut Hill Community School has continued to use MCAS data and DIBELS assessment results to pose questions to faculty regarding how we are doing and what we can do to continue to improve student achievement.

Reorganization of special education staff took place in the fall of 2012. All special education teachers received a schedule that increased the amount of direct instruction provided to all students.

In May, Mrs. Dale Aliberti was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom and volunteer activity. Mrs. Dale Aliberti was certainly most deserving of this award!

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2012 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert, The Veterans' Day Concert, DARE Graduation, Nature's Classroom, Arbor Day celebrations and the Multi-band Concert.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2012 an exceptional year!

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cameron, Principal
Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

Jabish Brook Middle School has faced 2012 with an established vision and goal – to meet the needs of every student in our school. While engaged in an extensive district-based curriculum review and writing process – it has been the focus of the middle school to revise our educational practices to better assess and respond to the needs of our students for the past year and a half. To this end, we are continuing the process of revising educational assessment practices to better identify and support student academic needs.

MCAS testing results at the middle school level continue to show that JBMS students compare favorably with students throughout the state. It remains a challenge at the middle school level, however, to have all students successfully meet proficiency ratings in all areas. To meet the goal of responding to the needs for every child, the faculty at Jabish Brook Middle School are in our second year of structural changes to our teaming model to include regular meetings on student progress, constant review of assessments on students, and the provision of educational support services for students when they are found to have academic needs.

In addition, 2012 saw the continuation of PeaceBuilders, a research-based district-wide anti-bullying initiative to support positive social interactions through proactive prevention. The curriculum format was expanded this past year, to include video presentations and classroom discussions on adolescent topics, including peer acceptance, social media, and effective communication strategies. This curriculum has shown success in helping to foster a positive school environment, and to make positive social expectations as important a lesson as any academic discipline.

The middle school has also been able to combine our strong academic expectations with social and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students to meet our educational goals. Events such as the Belchertown Fair parade, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit week, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program has continued to provide enrichment activities and academic support to our middle school students through 2012, thanks to the financial support of Country Bank. The after school program continued to provide academic activities such as MCAS preparation, world language instruction, targeted homework help, and organizational skills classes; as well as enrichment activities, including our theatrical musical production, running club, ski club, arts and crafts, movies and recreational games. Attendance rates have shown the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS provide popular and productive activities for our students when they would otherwise likely be home alone. Our enrollment in these activities has increased to over 50% of our student population participating in at least one activity during the school year.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. The success of our team teaching model, coupled with the support of our faculty, our students, our parents and the community provided for another successful year through 2012 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Thomas Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

Belchertown High School (BHS) Principal's Report

The administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School enjoyed another outstanding year at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. We are so very proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout 2012. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

This year, we introduced an Advisory Program at Belchertown High School. We have fifty six advisors (administrator, teachers, counselors, nurse, and library-media specialist) who meet with a group of fifteen students in grades nine through twelve once a month for forty minutes. Our Advisory Program has been successful. We have an Advisory Sub-Committee made up of administrators, teachers, and students who meet once a month to review the previous Advisory Period agenda and data gathered from it and provide suggestions for the Advisory Period to come. Throughout the year, we continue to review our Advisory Program, build on its strengths, and improve in the areas necessary to continue to make it a valuable part of our students' high school experience.

At their March meeting, The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Committee on Public Secondary Schools reviewed our Progress Report and continued our school's accreditation. The Committee was pleased to commend our pilot program to report individual student progress in achieving the academic expectations for student learning based on the use of school wide rubrics, the examples we provided to document that lessons reference the school wide rubrics, and the establishment of our advisory program.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Madison Granger as an award recipient for 2012. A delicious dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Madison, her parents, her sister, and other western Massachusetts recipients. Madison is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Madison's contributions to our academic program, our extra-curricular program, and our athletic program were significant. Madison Granger continues to represent

Belchertown in a positive manner as a member of the Class of 2016 at Duke University.

In May, Ms. Alison Tripp was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Ms. Tripp was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as a Physical Education teacher and the differentiated instruction she employs in her classroom.

On Sunday, June 3rd, the Class of 2012 graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Stanley Beretsky, Department Chair in Mathematics, delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Ms. Madison Granger, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Stephanie Mailhot, salutatorian of the class, and Mr. Peter Keefe, president of the class. Over $63,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community - a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, August 29th, 766 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new teachers: Ms. Nicole Desabrais, English; Mr. Fintan Lindsay, Mathematics; Mr. Mark Horan, Mathematics; and Ms. Martha Halperin, Science.

On Tuesday, September 11th, the BHS Community remembered the eleven year anniversary of the events of 9/11. The Symphony Band under the direction, of Ms. Lyndsay Boysen, performed the National Anthem and Amazing Grace. The respect that the Belchertown High School students displayed during this ceremony was most impressive.

In October, Belchertown High School's School Improvement Plan was presented to the School Committee. Our three goals include: to improve teaching and learning, to provide a school climate that fosters mutual respect, builds self-esteem, develops positive attitudes, values diversity, and encourages democratic ideals; and to use a variety of resources including technology to acquire, process, and utilize information effectively in the global learning community. These goals include implementing the Belchertown Curriculum Development Cycle, ensuring staff understanding of the various components of curriculum development, using the Understanding by Design model, implementing the Massachusetts Program of Studies MassCore, implementing the district bullying prevention and intervention policy and plan, and providing our students and teachers with technology that will allow them to access the global learning community as part of their daily instruction.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Friday, November 9th. Belchertown High School Science Teacher, Mr. John Skorupski, posted the colors. Specialist Craig Hall of the United States Army served as our guest speaker and discussed the importance of Veterans' Day in his life. Specialist Hall's comments were very moving and inspiring to all of us in attendance. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz and Student Council, Laura Freeman for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Ms. Boysen, Ms. Comstock, Dr. Houle, the Symphony Band, the Choir, Joseph Brozek and Aaron Funk for their musical contributions. Throughout the year, we have kept Specialist Hall's comments in mind.

In November, 54 members of the Class of 2013 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Dr. Houle. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement: Matthew Abood, Jacob Aliengena, Breanna Allen, Melanie Archambault, Jordan Auffrey, Hannah Bail, Hannah Baker, Sarafina Berger, Nikolas Bertsch, Julia Blais, Erica Boileau, Shannon Brown, James Desjardins, Melanie Dodge, Alex Doming, Katelyn Donoghue, Jacob Downs, Kimberly Drawec, Caroline Dziel, Christopher Eriquezzo, Nathaniel Fournier, Eric Gendreau, Rebecca Giguere, Devyn Hebert, Lindsey Hebert, Maureen Hegarty, Andrew Hindle, Melanie Latter, Kevin Lindhult, Jillian Lund, Cienna Lyon, Chelsea Mallet, Samantha Manitsas, Tyler Manning, Jared Mattingly, Kayla McGrath, Kyle Mercer, Adam Messier, Charles Miller-Nelson, Autumn Mongeon, Morgan O'Connor, Zachary O'Donnell, Shannon O'Leary, Kelsey Paterwic, Marcel Pereira, Patrick Poleri, Sarah Richard, Rebecca Schliemann, Emily Silva, Corianne Spears, Ruthann Sterling, Anastasia

Trombly, Mikayla Weigel, Mary Wetzel.

As we close out 2012, all of us at Belchertown High School are proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout the year. The Belchertown High School community is a very special place filled with very caring individuals. It is a great place to both teach and learn!

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Christine Vigneux, Principal
Belchertown High School

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. At the November 2012 state election, incumbents David Droz (Palmer) and Thomas Rugani (Warren) were re-elected. Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown) and Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham) were elected to four-year terms, replacing Judith Dudek and Lisa Starbard, respectively, both of whom retired from the Committee. Currently there is no member from New Braintree as a result of Duncan Stewart's retirement. New Braintree town officials are in the process of soliciting statements of interest from interested individuals. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Lorraine Alves will serve as secretary.

CURRICULUM

Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The percentage of Pathfinder students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient range in all 3 areas—English, Math, and Science has shown steady progress over the past four years. The percentage of students scoring in the Advanced and Proficient range in English has risen from 64% in 2009 to 81% in 2012. The improvement in Math (64%-71%) and Science (49%-62%) was also positive. This improvement has also resulted in the school being judged as making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).The school continues to increase the number of students in the advanced or proficient categories, thereby decreasing the students identified in the needs improvement and failing categories. Our school has been identified as a "Level 2 School" by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Pathfinder continues to make progress in its effort to increase the rigor of the academic offerings for students. The school is currently working to align the curriculum to meet the common core standards. Pathfinder will implement a curriculum in World History and has made some changes in the science department to reflect a more laboratory based approach per common core standards. The vocational areas have also been cognizant of the changes being drafted regarding new Chapter 74 State Competencies and have been working diligently to accommodate the new proposals into their curricula..

For those students who have been identified as struggling readers through standardized testing, Pathfinder has supplemented their schedules to include reading, in addition to their regular English classes. Students continue to use the *Read 180* and *System 44* programs to improve their reading levels.

The school's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students, and the expansion of the program has proven to be very successful.

MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Collision Repair Technology:

- Ludlow Police Dept.: Repaired and refinished a 2003 Ford Windstar Minivan
- Monson Water and Sewer Dept.: Refinished and installed a new pickup bed on a 2004 Ford F350 pickup.
- Oakham Police Department: Repaired and refinished a Military Humvee to traditional black and white police color scheme.
- Palmer Police Dept.: Repaired and refinished two late model police cruisers from dark blue to traditional black and white color scheme.

Machine Technology:

- Built hockey net frame for Belchertown Hockey Boosters for the annual Belchertown Fair.
- Students machined six cribbage boards as donations to fundraisers, one each for the following non-profit organizations: Greenway Rail trail, Westfield; Shriners 'Festival Of trees', Springfield; Palmer Library; Top Floor Learning, Palmer; Machine Technology Poker Run, Pathfinder; Pathfinder Car Show (Skills USA).

Cosmetology:

- Cosmetology students continued their annual to visit area Senior Centers during which they provide "Spa Days" for seniors. The services they offer include manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, Monson and Belchertown.

Carpentry:

- Students constructed a ceremonial stove for the Girl Scouts.

Automotive Reconditioning:

- Auto Reconditioning is now a part of the Collision Repair Technology program. Students continued to provide services for police, highway, fire and water districts.

Culinary Arts:

- Culinary Arts students continued to prepare and serve meals for the "Elderly Lunch Program" at Pathfinder. Instructors and students continued to provide food and services to local and civic events in the Pathfinder Tea Room restaurant.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Twenty-one students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu of* attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

Placing students in the current economy has been a challenge. Nevertheless, the school is committed to providing students with this invaluable opportunity and intends to work closely with area businesses to expand the program.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2012 totaled 662 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 110; Granby 15; Hardwick 30; Monson 96; New Braintree 11; Oakham 10; Palmer 183; Ware 93; and Warren 52. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (29) and West Brookfield (13), respectively. The 662 figure in October represents an increase of 4 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2011.

In order to better meet students' needs and to more effectively accommodate parents, the Special Education and Guidance Department have been combined under a Pupil Personnel Director.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 180 ninth grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In early October guidance counselors were invited to attend a breakfast meeting designed specifically to update them about the admissions policies and procedures. In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to participate in a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. Many attendees acknowledged that they had participated in the summer Youth Enrichment Program, an attractive opportunity for large numbers of enthusiastic prospective students. For students and parents with Internet access, a copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the 26th Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Ryan McQuad of Ware, represented Pathfinder. Ryan, a student in the Electronics/Robotics Program, was ranked at the top of the graduating class. With a GPA of 3.91, Ryan consistently earned high honors and recognition and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and excellence in vocational and academic studies. Ryan also received an honorable mention from the Massachusetts Association of Secondary School Principals. He was planning to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall.

In June 2012, the graduating class of 118 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Graduates received 60 awards totaling $32,575, and an additional $146,000 in scholarships from schools and colleges was announced during the program. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Nicole Heroux serves as the newly instituted Director of Pupil Services.
Mrs. Heroux and her staff are currently in the process of evaluating all current programs and services. The goal of Special Services is to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of ***all*** learners in grades 9-12 and to the students previously enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Given the results of the District's Coordinated Program Review, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is now fully implemented. Pathfinder no longer has a *formalized* program, previously known as *MVIP*. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs. The staff at Pathfinder is working to develop a program for the students who were previously in an MVIP program to insure their success at the school.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over two hundred four (204) special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately fifty (50) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) academic or vocational professionally licensed instructors, nine (9) paraprofessionals, and one full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, a School Adjustment Counselor, an Occupational Therapist, and a part-time School Psychologist.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Following the holiday break, students returned to school and a flurry of student activities. Class advisors continued to plan fundraisers to offset the cost of class expenses. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held on January 13th with the combined efforts of the sophomore and junior classes. Also in January, the Red Cross Blood Drive experienced a full schedule of students participating in donating blood. A total of 77 pints of blood was collected during this drive. One student-- Michael Mastriani-- received a $250 scholarship from Bob's High School Heroes/Red Cross. This money may be used toward college expenses. Michael was chosen as the recipient due to his active participation in multiple blood drives. Pathfinder also received recognition as a "Life Share Program" PLATINUM Level from the Red Cross in recognition of ongoing efforts "in support of the American red Cross Blood Services Program."

Other classes had fundraisers in February, March and April. The Junior Prom—always an elegant affair—took place in May at the Ludlow Country Club. One hundred fifty juniors and their guests and some faculty chaperones danced the night away to the tunes of DJ Tony Valley. The senior class chose Tony & Penny's as the site of their banquet which was also held in May.

The Class of 2012 held their outdoor graduation on a picture-perfect day on June 3rd.

Students returned in August for the 2012- 2013 school year. In September the Collision Repair shop held their 20th Annual Car Show. Over 190 beautiful vehicles participated and hundreds of spectators enjoyed the show. The proceeds from the show benefits the students in the collision repair shop by helping offset competition fees for SkillsUSA. The district, state and national competition fees can be quite expensive. In addition, the proceeds also help provide scholarships for graduating seniors, giving them a head start in continuing in their trade.

There was a "Welcome Freshmen" dance in October hosted by the junior class and many fundraisers took place by other classes.

The Student Council was revived under the leadership of Senior Kyle Lussier and Advisor Eric Duda. The Student Council led a Pep Rally to introduce the fall sports teams. They then coordinated the annual Thanksgiving food drive. Thirty seven turkeys were donated along with enough non-perishable food to feed 37 families. The cheerleaders-- led by Ms. Clough and Mr. Aldrich-- coordinated a *Toys for Tots* drive. Two hundred twenty five toys were collected and given to the Ware Fire Department's *Toys for Tots* drive. December ended on a half day on Dec. 21st in order to break for holiday vacation

ATHLETICS

Although the numbers have declined slightly, Pathfinder had over 175 students participate in various athletic programs over the past year. Pathfinder remains as the host school for a wrestling co-op with Palmer and Ware High Schools and Pathfinder is again competing in boys' and girls' swimming through a co-op with Palmer High.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE:

- The boys' varsity basketball team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- The girls' varsity basketball team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- Pathfinder completed its second season of co-op wrestling with Palmer and Ware High Schools. Two individual wrestlers had extremely successful seasons. Jake Paull won the Western Mass and State Div-3 titles. Jacob Straight won the Western Mass, State Div-3, All State, and New England championship titles.
- Jesse Bishop was named as a Springfield *Republican* newspaper first team all-scholastic selection in boys' basketball.
- The Varsity Baseball team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- The Varsity Softball team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- Megan Maska was named as a Springfield *Republican* newspaper first team all-scholastic selection in softball.
- Greg Pobieglo and Adam Kozlik were named as Springfield *Republican* Newspaper first team all-scholastic selections in baseball.
- The Varsity girls' soccer team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- The Varsity Football team completed a remarkable 13-0 season, winning the Tri-County League title and the Western Mass Div-4 Super Bowl. Nine players were selected as first team all-scholastic by the Springfield *Republican* newspaper. They are: Matt Stafford, Josh Arnold, Trystan Davis, Brad Lord, Dakota Nadle, Alex Piechota, Devan Beane, Cody Hess, and Mike Krzynowek. Pathfinder—with the assistance of the Booster Club-- has awarded the team championship jackets.
- Greg Pobieglo and Ashley Anderson were named as Pathfinders' outstanding male and female athletes for the 2011-2012 school year.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Source	Amount	Acquisitions/ Products
Edu-Jobs	$116,705	Total amount devoted to employee health insurance
Special Education Grant	$226,764	1 Math, 1 ELA inclusion model teacher, Evaluations, ESPED, Materials, 5 Alpha Smarts, 3 Aides
Special Ed – Program Improvement	$7,341	Provided 6 days of High Quality IEP Professional Development
Title I	$126,835	ELA and Math Inclusion Instructors, Art Materials
Teacher Quality	$23,144	Retained highly qualified staff member, provided support for 2 not yet HQ teachers
Anti -Bullying	$650	Teacher training

Source	Amount	Acquisitions/ Products
Title ! Carry-over	$27,428	Acquired New *Follett Destiny* Library System
WIA – Year Round	$55,206	Provided meaningful summer jobs for 30 participants and year- round jobs for 4
Academic Support	$21,100	MCAS PREP and remediation for 24 Pathfinder 9th Graders
Carl Perkins Funds	$93,843	Hire New Business Tech Teacher, Skills USA Instructor, School-wide Skills USA implementation. 2 Smart Boards and High Quality Professional Development, *Smart Board* 3 -Credit Course, Fully operational Career Center
UMass	$55,000	Modernize Weight Room
Special Ed Carryover	$8,772	Purchased iPads and e-books
Total	$762,785	

The major portion of one- time or last- time funding went to upgrading technology.

Pathfinder now features a Smart Board in every academic classroom. With the exception of HVAC, vocational classrooms will be the next acquisition when appropriate funds become available.

A major portion of this year's funding will be devoted to making Pathfinder school-wide wireless.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program served over 110 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 9th and July 27th. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: automotive technology, machine technology, carpentry, cosmetology, environmental explorers, photography & web design, mad science, vex robotics, advanced robotics, bake shop, and culinary arts. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July, and the vocational related in August. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. Additionally, 10 students made up 30 hours in an employee skills program which ran for 30 hours in August. Sixty-seven students were enrolled in eleven academic courses, eight in vocational course work, and 3 students participated in an online summer school English and Math course. The combined summer school enrollment included 87 students from 11 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 44 vocational teachers, 27 academic teachers, 10 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a part-time psychologist, a library-media specialist, and 11 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by a group of 8 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants coordinator.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Margaret Ferry, Martha Barrett, Michael Rooney, Mark Condon and Francis Burrington. At the end of December, clerical staff members Phyllis Valley and Barbara Orszulak joined them in retirement.

New Hires included Mary Jane Rickson (Asst. Superintendent/Principal), Andrea Green (Physical Education), Christopher Dougherty (English), Paul Husby (Social Studies), Kandice Daniels (Science), Stephen Walsh (Mathematics), Marina Dizik-Latourell (English Inclusion), Valerie Wlodyka (Library-Media), and Vanessa Perkins (Part-time Psychologist). Recently hired at the end of December were Anthony Valley (Teacher Aide), Jennifer Young (Accounts Payable), and Christy McCann (Secretary).

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The school committee adopted a FY13 budget of $12,815,752, representing a 2.61% increase over FY12. For the two previous fiscal years of FY11 and FY12, Pathfinder had a budget increase of 0% and 1.85% respectively. All of the nine District member communities subsequently approved their assessments in the spring of 2012. Consequently, the FY13 budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

The unpredictability of Regional School Transportation Reimbursement has continued for the fifth fiscal year, making budgetary estimates a continuing concern for FY13 and FY14. The state's current transportation reimbursement estimate is approximately 56%, but current shortfalls in FY13 state revenues are once again threatening Regional School Transportation Reimbursement rates.

Additionally, changes in Medicaid reimbursement procedures have greatly reduced our FY13 reimbursement rates; in 2010 Pathfinder received in excess of $75,000.00 to subsidize the annual budget. By FY13, the amount had declined to approximately $30,000.00.

Lastly, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern for upcoming FY14 as the state predicts level funding at best due to decreased income tax revenues. While Chapter 70 Aid figures have not yet been released, Pathfinder expects a slight increase due to an increase in student enrollment which has pushed our district to near building capacity. Finally, all state Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds (ARRA) and accompanying carry-forward funds came to an end in FY12 and will not be available in the future.

The following chart illustrates the FY13 assessments to each member community.

ASSESSMENT CALCULATION FY2013:

TOWNS	MINIMUM CONT.	ADDITIONAL CONT.	SHARE OF REGULAR CAP.	1ST YR OF 5 YR CAP PLAN	TRANS-PORTATION	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
Belchertown	$710,856	$281,593	$10,026	$0	$64,230	$1,066,704
Granby	$127,690	$42,107	$1,499	$0	$9,604	$180,901
Hardwick	$141,345	$55,266	$1,968	$0	$12,606	$211,184
Monson	$606,017	$242,117	$8,620	$0	$55,226	$911,980
New Braintree	$97,971	$31,580	$1,124	$0	$7,203	$137,879
Oakham	$108,842	$42,107	$1,499	$0	$9,604	$162,053
Palmer	$1,187,599	$521,078	$18,552	$0	$118,855	$1,846,084
Ware	$527,932	$231,590	$8,245	$0	$52,825	$820,592
Warren	$233,896	$136,849	$4,872	$0	$31,215	$406,832
TOTALS:	**$3,742,148**	**$1,584,288**	**$56,405**	**$0**	**$361,368**	**$5,744,209**

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

As Pathfinder enters its fortieth year offering quality vocational education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials and the several town meetings for their support over these years

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY14 fiscal picture will undoubtedly be the most challenging in recent memory. Despite this bleak outlook, however, the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman
Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown)
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Julie Quink (Hardwick)
Andrew I. Jaffee (Monson)
Vacancy (New Braintree)
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
David Droz (Palmer)
M. Barbara Ray (Ware)
Thomas Rugani (Warren)

Gerald L. Paist
Superintendent-Director

Skate Park Committee

Although we didn't meet more then a half dozen times over the course of 2012, due to 3 new committee members being appointed, we focused on maintaining and repairing minor repairs to existing ramps, and keeping the park free of trash and debris. We plan to submit an application in 2013 to the Community Preservation Committee seeking funds to rebuild new ramps and refurbish some existing ramps.

Thank You,

Skate Park Committee Members
Nancy Voyer
Michelle Ricker
Beth Adams
Gino Brunetti

Technology Advisory Committee

The Committee has mainly concentrated on upcoming contract renewal negotiations with Charter Communications. This contract does not cover anything but television services. This means any other Charter services, such as Internet and telephone service, will have to wait for new FCC regulations to govern their applicability.

The Committee has received many emails and letters from Charter subscribers on various issues and comments concerning Charter service. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to write to us. Everything that was received has been has been considered in the contract renewal process.

In January, the Committee held a public meeting to discuss the upcoming Charter contract. Tom Cohan, Regional Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, was also present to answer questions about the contract and other concerns.

A presentation to the Selectmen was made to discuss the draft contract proposed by the committee. The presentation pointed out the benefits from the new contract for funding for the town. The Town will receive over $375,000 over the life of the license of our previous contract. The contract term is for five years, as opposed to, the normal ten year contracts. And, a $150K capital grant and a yearly subsidy of $45K which increases 3% per annum over the life of the contract. We also explained the various fees as required by the State and Federal Government. There are actually several fees broken down description: State/local regulatory fee which is the annual license fee of $.50/sub per year paid to the town approximately $2,211.5 per year to the town. A $.80/sub per year paid to the state (this appears as approximately $.10 each month on customer bills) (FCC) regulatory fee of about $.07/month. Public Access/Franchise Related Cost which is about $0.57/month which is the PEG capital grant amortized over the term of the license. Franchise Fee of approximately $0.93/month which is the annual operating payment for PEG amortized over 12 months.

In July the Selectmen forwarded a copy of the draft contract to Bill Hewig of Kopelman and Paige, the Town's attorney.

In November, we responded to the lawyer's comments and made some adjustments in the wording of the contract. This was forwarded to the Selectmen for an upcoming Select-board meeting scheduled in January, 2013. If approved, the contract will be once more reviewed by Charter before final approval.

Membership: A change occurred in the makeup of the Committee. Thanks to our outgoing member, Jeromie Whalen, for all his work including a web site for the committee which he sponsored. Jeromie did a superb job in the design and implementation of the web site which he is also hosting the site for the Committee. Unfortunately Jeromie moved out of Belchertown and cannot be a part of this committee. Presently, the members are:

Lew Louraine
Yosef Nimni
Michael Zoufaly
Frank Lomanno

Election of officers included:
Frank Lomanno - Chair
Lew Louraine - Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations

The liaison member between the Technology Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is Bill Barnett. We are pleased to have Bill as a liaison to the Committee, given his familiarity with Town government and issues.

Again, this year I want to give individual acknowledgment to Lew Louraine for heading up the sub-committee on the contract renewal process. His work has been very much appreciated by the Committee.

Meetings: Meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address: Our Committee's Town email address (technologycommittee@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Other: Some members of the committee attend a workshop hosted by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. The workshop was to introduce a new initiative which is a fiber optic network that is installing 1,000 miles of fiber optic cable in western and north central Massachusetts. Belchertown is targeted to be a Community Anchor Institution host site for one of the centers. The center will soon have direct access to a dependable, next-generation network.

We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in setting up and maintaining our email for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Consumer Division
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118-6500
(617) 305-3531 **or** 1-800-392-6066 **(toll free)**
(617) 988-8288 (FAX)

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chair
Technology Advisory Committee

Technology Advisory Committee Mission

The mission of the Technology Advisory Committee is to advise the Town and Schools of Belchertown and provide support for successful technology utilization.

To meet this mission we will:

- Provide effective technology assistance and services to all areas of the Town.
- Promote and facilitate the effective integration of technology into the basic mission of the Town through planning, consulting, and other activities.
- Improve communication among Town departments on technology use and share ideas, information, services.
- To periodically provide a public forum in which representatives of the service providers, Town officials, Town residents and the media may meet to discuss the operations of Services Provider(s).
- Help the Town prepare for and manage the rapid change in technology.
- Promote new uses of information technology.
- Provide feedback and assistance for effective strategic and tactical planning in the use of technology
- Evaluate proposed agreements and contracts as put forth to the Town by any telecommunications and technology providers seeking to supply services within the Town, and to make recommendations to the Board regarding such proposals.

Veterans' Graves

For the year 2012, all of Belchertown's Veterans' graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239, and VFW Post 8428 for their assistance in flagging Mt. Hope and South Cemeteries. Former Selectman Al Roccanti, and Town Veteran's Agent Ray Janke, also assisted.

This past December 2012, Mr. Al Roccanti, former Selectmen, paid for the installation of an entrance way gate/fence at South Cemetery.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Lake Vale Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2012 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy. The Veterans' Services Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2013 would include: 1) An efficient VA Aid and Attendance paperwork package for family members dealing with an elderly Veteran or spouse who needs healthcare assistance; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA or Holyoke Soldiers' Home for elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file a VA disability claim or obtain VA medical care. My office will continue to provide assistance to Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2012, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans of available State and/or Federal programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Zoning Board of Appeals received six applications for Special Permits. Four Special Permits were granted, one Special Permit was withdrawn by applicant and one Special Permit was denied.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Lucey, Chairman
Robert Hislop, Member
Mark Hebert, Member
Brian Gibbon, Associate Member
Noah Pafaur, Associate Member

Emergency Management

During 2012 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was reviewed along with emergency shelter locations with Red Cross officials along with our primary public safety officials. Also the towns CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan, and participates in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

Belchertown continues to stand ready with modern technology and training for many types of incidents including but not limited to natural or manmade disasters, weather related emergencies, and hazardous substances.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Belchertown Fire - Rescue Department

The Belchertown Fire - Rescue Department is a combination of the town's fire and emergency medical ambulance service.

The Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection, and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services. We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of sixteen full-time staff, six part-time, and forty call/volunteer firefighters in addition to the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

It has been another very challenging year with the economy and monetary funding of the budgets to maintain the level of the service we provide. We continue, with due diligence towards spending, keeping the taxpayer in mind, however we continue to be committed in providing the best Fire Protection, and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

This past summer realization of the dangers of the job came to the forefront when one of our own call firefighters suffered a heart attack in the fire engine just prior to the fire apparatus leaving the station for a 911 call. At times people question why the ambulance responds with the fire apparatus to calls. It is partially due to firefighter safety, and this sunny day in August, when the department may have been planning a line of duty death for a firefighter, the hands of time were turned back by the swift action of the ambulance paramedics performing CPR and saving his life. Two weeks earlier, one of the part-time paramedics driving by a motor vehicle accident in town, stopped and initiated CPR on one of the accident victims, and that person was again breathing on arrival of the ambulance.

Many paramedics go through their careers hoping for these types of life saving victories, but unfortunately statistically they are really uncommon.

This was a true victory for everyone involved and two great success stories for Belchertown's medical service.

Overall there was a small decline in actual fire events, however there were four extensive home fires with considerable monetary and personal property loss to the occupants. There was an increase in fire prevention activities and more permits and inspections from past years, this may be a slight sign that the economy is slowly progressing forward. The ambulance responded to approximately 1,200 calls, showing a small increase in service. Approximately 70% of these calls were Advanced Life Support, requiring Paramedic care.

Since the Fire/EMS Departments merger and the hiring of full time firefighters to help staff the 2nd ambulance during day time hours, we have not only had an increase in calls, but also have been able to transport 50-60 more patients each year. This means the Town receives the revenue from those ambulance bills which would have been lost to another ambulance service.

In closing, I would like to thank the firefighters and paramedics of the department, for their continued support and dedication to serve. In addition, I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional personnel take an active interest in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief

Types of Responses - 2012

Structure Fires	11
Ambulance Responses	1169
Vehicle Fires	06
Vehicle Extrication	02
Wildland Fires	39
CO Alarms	30
Hazardous Spills	16
Faulty Appliance	20
Sounding Alarms	80
Investigations	119
Mutual Aid	03
Total:	**1495**

Inspections and Permits - 2012

Open Burning	1045
Smoke Detector	199
Oil Burner	93
Propane Storage	129
Underground Tank Removal	07
Fuel Storage	02
Blasting	02
Total:	**1477**

Presidential Primary
March 6, 2012
Belchertown, MA

DEMOCRAT			**PRECINCTS**			
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Presidential Preference	Barack Obama	44	28	33	41	146
(Vote for One)						
	No Preference	0	3	7	4	14
	Blanks		1	1	0	2
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	44	32	41	45	162
State Committee Man		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Bruce Samuel Adams, Jr.	16	15	17	16	64
	Mark A. Kenyon	14	13	15	13	55
	Blanks	14	4	9	16	43
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	44	32	41	45	162
State Committee Woman		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Marygail B. Cokkinias	33	29	33	30	125
						0
	Blanks	11	3	8	15	37
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	44	32	41	45	162
Town Committee		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
(Vote for no more than 35)						
	Linda E. Barron	39	26	32	33	130
	Karen A. Chrisman	29	21	26	27	103
	Sean J. Cleary	29	21	27	25	102
	Edwina J. Cruise	30	22	23	31	106
	Cathy H. DeCou	31	22	29	27	109
	Justin S. Dymond	29	22	25	26	102
	Kenneth E. Elstein	35	25	26	35	121
	Fay M. Flanary	31	23	25	27	106
	Donald D. Freeman	29	22	25	26	102
	Francine C. Freeman	29	22	28	26	105
	Melissa A. Hurst	34	25	29	27	115
	Simon R. James	31	23	23	27	104
	Richard W. Knapp	32	22	27	28	109
	Susan P. Knapp	30	23	26	29	108
	Elizabeth L. Loughran	32	23	23	27	105
	Mary K. Olberding	30	24	26	29	109
	Michael J. Potishnak	31	22	23	26	102
	Randi B. Shenkman	30	22	24	26	102
	Kyle Vincent	30	25	24	28	107
	Terry S. Nagel	35	25	25	28	113
	Blanks	914	658	918	1009	3499
	Sundry Write-ins	0	2	1	8	11
	Total	1540	1120	1435	1575	5670

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REPUBLICAN			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Presidential Preference	Ron Paul		25	21	18	14	78
(Vote for One)	Mitt Romney		91	93	124	71	379
	Rick Perry		1	1	0	0	2
	Rick Santorum		35	27	36	24	122
	Jon Huntsman		2	1	1	1	5
	Michele Bachman		0	1	0	1	2
	Newt Gringrich		11	17	18	12	58
	No Preference		1	1	1	0	3
	Blanks		1	1	1	0	3
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	167	163	199	123	652
State Committee Man	Thomas A. McCarthy		79	80	99	68	326
(Vote for One)	Alexander J. Sherman		27	32	44	13	116
	Blanks		61	51	56	42	210
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	167	163	199	123	652
State Committee Woman			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Deborah L. Martell		102	95	128	71	396
	Mary S. Rogeness		22	28	28	20	98
	Blanks		43	40	43	32	158
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
		Total	167	163	199	123	652
Town Committee	William R. Barnett		110	107	129	77	423
(Vote for no more than 35)	B. Patricia Hart-Lamery		1	1	7	5	14
	Cynthia J. Janke		1	1	7	6	15
	Denise P. Baran		1	1	7	5	14
	Edward T. Knight		1	1	8	5	15
	Gerald A. Grasso		3	3	7	6	19
	Gregory G. Krol		1	1	7	5	14
	Jeanne O. Paradise		1	1	7	5	14
	Kathleen E. Grasso		1	1	7	6	15
	Marcel F. Archambault		1	1	8	5	15
	MaryCatherine Knight		1	1	8	5	15
	Patricia C. Grasso		1	1	7	6	15
	Raymond J. Janke, III		1	1	7	6	15
	Rebecca L. Pobieglo		1	1	7	6	15
	Richard G. Lamery		1	1	7	5	14
	Ronald A. Pobieglo		1	1	7	6	15
	Steven Baran		1	1	7	5	14
	William Huber		1	0	6	0	7
	Ronald Aponte		1	1	3	0	5

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REPUBLICAN			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Town Committee	Willie I. Lebrun		0	1	5	0	6
(Vote for no more than 35)	Alfred Roccanti		0	0	6	0	6
	Blanks		5710	5570	6698	4140	22118
	Sundry Write-ins		5	8	3	1	17
	Total		5845	5705	6965	4305	22820
GREEN-RAINBOW			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Presidential Preference	Kent Mesplay		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Jill Stein		0	0	0	0	0
	Harley Mikkelson		0	0	0	0	0
	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
State Committee Man			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
State Committee Woman							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
Town Committee	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for 10)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
		PRECINCTS	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	630	619	649	763	2661
		Republican	307	355	415	256	1333
		Green-Rainbow	6	2	2	10	20
		Unenrolled	1250	1288	1418	1260	5216
		All Others	4	20	10	11	45
		TOTALS	2197	2284	2494	2300	9275
	Voted on 3/6/2012	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	8.8% Voted	Democrat	44	32	41	45	162
		Republican	167	163	199	123	652
		Green-Rainbow	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTALS	211	195	240	168	814
Attest:							
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Town Clerk							

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	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	**NAME**	**PRECINCT**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Town Clerk	*William R. Barnett		264	232	348	215	1059
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	1	1	2	6
Vote for one		Blank	71	44	80	57	252
		Total	337	277	429	274	1317
Board of Selectmen	*Ronald E. Aponte		227	188	327	150	892
3 years	*Kenneth E. Elstein		195	171	150	185	701
Vote for two	Gerald A. Grasso		150	109	282	85	626
	James Barry		0	6	4	2	12
	Sundry Writeins		0	5	1	2	8
		Blank	102	75	94	124	395
		Total	674	554	858	548	2634
School Committee	*Clare Popowich		215	195	299	177	886
3 years	*Richard J. Fritsch		202	187	264	145	798
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		6	0	5	6	17
		Blanks	251	172	290	220	933
		Total	674	554	858	548	2634
Planning Board	*Christopher R. Laurenzo		223	210	302	175	910
5 years	Sundry Writeins		1	0	2	1	4
Vote for one		Blank	113	67	125	98	403
		Total	337	277	429	274	1317
Board of Assessors	William J. Huber		140	135	209	93	577
3 years	*Donald L. Minney		167	119	189	145	620
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		1	0	0	1	2
		Blank	29	23	31	35	118
		Total	337	277	429	274	1317
Board of Assessors	*Raymond G. Goff		225	208	320	170	923
1 year	Sundry Writeins		2	1	1	2	6
Vote for one		Blank	110	68	108	102	388
		Total	337	277	429	274	1317
Board of Health	*Roger M. Bonsall		232	209	316	182	939
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1	1	1	1	4
Vote for one		Blank	104	67	112	91	374
		Total	337	277	429	274	1317
Councilor-Hampshire	*Donald L. Minney		245	208	303	199	955
Council of Governments	*Kyle Vincent		216	204	284	173	877
2 years	Sundry Writeins		1	0	4	1	6
Vote for two		Blank	212	142	267	175	796
		Total	674	554	858	548	2634

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Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	624	607	653	766	2650
	Republican	306	358	415	253	1332
	Green Rainbow	7	3	2	10	22
	Unenrolled	1247	1279	1416	1266	5208
	Other	4	18	9	11	42
	Total	2188	2265	2495	2306	9254
	Vote Cast on 5/21/2012					
	PRECINCT	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	14%	**337**	**277**	**429**	**274**	**1317**
Attest:						
William R. Barnett						
Town Clerk						

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			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Elizabeth A. Warren		197	144	148	192	681
(Vote for One)	Scott Brown		4	3	0	1	8
	Blanks		21	25	37	13	96
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	1	2
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
Representative in Congress	James P. McGovern		168	132	135	159	594
(Vote for One)	William Feegbeh		22	14	19	12	67
	Richard Neal		0	2	0	0	2
	Blanks		32	24	32	36	124
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
Councillor	Michael J. Albano		89	62	71	86	308
(Vote for One)	Gerry Roy		44	33	52	33	162
	Kevin J. Sullivan		64	56	49	53	222
	Blanks		25	21	14	35	95
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
			A	**B**	**C**	**D**	
Senator in General Court							
(Vote for One)	Gale D. Candaras		180	144	151	173	648
	Blanks		42	27	35	34	138
	Sundry Write-ins			1	0	0	1
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
Representative in General Court		***Prec. A***	**A**				
(Vote for One)	Denise Andrews		110				110
	Rebecca J. Bialecki		45				45
	Genevieve C. Fraser		12				12
	Jim White		38				38
	Blanks		16				16
	Sundry Write-ins		1				1
	Total		222				222
Representative in General Court		***Prec. B, C, & D***		**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Thomas M. Petrolati			142	139	159	440
	Denise Andrews			0	0	1	
	Blanks			29	47	47	123
	Sundry Write-ins			1	0	0	1
	Total			172	186	207	565
Clerk of Courts							
(Vote for One)	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr.		166	133	132	163	594
	Blanks		56	38	54	44	192
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0	1
	Total		222	172	186	207	787

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DEMOCRAT			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Register of Deeds	Bonnie MacCracken		35	20	26	32	113
(Vote for One)	Mary K. Olberding		164	131	124	156	575
	Timothy P. O'Leary		16	16	30	12	74
	Blanks		7	5	6	7	25
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
Register of Probate							
(Vote for One)	Michael J . Carey		170	136	142	166	614
	Blanks		50	35	44	41	170
	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	0	0	3
	Total		222	172	186	207	787
REPUBLICAN			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Scott P. Brown		43	48	74	47	212
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	1	1	1	4
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	1	1
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
Representative in Congress							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		43	47	75	47	212
	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	0	2	5
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
Councillor							
(Vote for One)	Michael F. Case		21	17	23	16	77
	Michael Franco		17	27	40	26	110
	Blanks		6	4	12	7	29
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0	1
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
Senator in General Court		***Prec. A***	**A**				
(Vote for One)	Blanks		43				43
	Sundry Write-ins		1				1
	Total		44				44
Senator in General Court		***Prec. B, C & D***		**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks			47	75	47	169
	Sundry Write-ins			2	0	2	4
	Total			49	75	49	173
Representative in General Court		***Prec. A***	**A**				0
(Vote for One)	Susannah M. Lee		32				32
	Blanks		11				11
	Sundry Write-ins		1				1
	Total		44				44
Representative in General Court		***Prec. B, C & D***		**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks			48	75	48	171
	Sundry Write-ins			1	0	1	2
	Total			49	75	49	173

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REPUBLICAN			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Clerk of Courts	Blanks		43	46	74	48	211
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	1	1	6
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
Register of Deeds							
(Vote for One)	Mary Olberding		0	1	2	0	3
	Blanks		43	48	74	48	213
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	1	1	4
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
Register of Probate							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		43	48	75	48	214
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	0	1	3
	Total		44	49	75	49	217
GREEN-RAINBOW			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Elizabeth Warren		1	0	0	1	2
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
Representative in Congress							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	1	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
Councillor							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	1	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
Senator in General Court		***Prec. A***	**A**				0
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1				1
	Sundry Write-ins		0				0
	Total		1				1
		Prec. B, C & D		**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in General Court							0
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0	1	1
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0	0	0
	Total			0	0	1	1
Representative in General Court		***Prec. A***	**A**				
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1				1
	Sundry Write-ins		0				0
	Total		1				1
Representative in General Court		***Prec. B, C & D***		**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0	1	1
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0	0	0
	Total			0	0	1	1

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GREEN-RAINBOW			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Clerk of Courts	Blanks		1	0	0	1	2
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
Register of Deeds							
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	1	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
Register of Probate			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1	0	0	1	2
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		1	0	0	1	2
		PRECINCTS	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	629	616	659	758	2662
		Republican	317	357	417	254	1345
		Green-Rainbow	7	4	2	11	24
		Unenrolled	1273	1312	1446	1276	5307
		Other	4	18	10	11	43
		TOTALS	2230	2307	2534	2310	9381
	Voted on 9/6/2012	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	(10.7% Voted)	Democrat	222	172	186	207	787
		Republican	44	49	75	49	217
		Green-Rainbow	1	0	0	1	2
		TOTALS	267	221	261	257	1006
Attest:							
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Town Clerk							

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			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
President & Vice President	Johnson and Gray		28	13	20	12	73
(Vote for One)	Obama and Biden		1119	1009	1133	1339	4600
	Romney and Ryan		649	800	902	563	2914
	Stein and Honkala		19	20	14	28	81
	Blanks		11	5	4	2	22
	Sundry Write-ins		2	5	0	8	15
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Senator in Congress	Scott P. Brown		824	988	1085	709	3606
(Vote for One)	Elizabeth A. Warren		992	857	980	1238	4067
	Blanks		12	7	8	4	31
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	1	1
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Representative in Congress							
(Vote for One)	James P. McGovern		1313	1362	1443	1471	5589
	Blanks		504	477	620	476	2077
	Sundry Write-ins		11	13	10	5	39
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Councillor							
(Vote for One)	Michael J. Albano		999	952	1013	1153	4117
	Michael Franco		627	715	821	561	2724
	Blanks		201	185	239	238	863
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	0	0	1
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Senator In General							
1st Hampden & Hampshire	Gale D. Candaras		1292	1368	1474	1405	5539
(Vote for One)	Blanks		527	475	591	543	2136
	Sundry Write-ins		9	9	8	4	30
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Representative in General Court		**Prec. A**	**A**				
Second Franklin District	Denise Andrews		958				958
(Vote for One)	Susannah M. Whipps Lee		462				462
	Richard F. Schober, Jr		154				154
	Blanks		254				254
	Sundry Write-ins		0				0
	Total		1828				1828
Representative in General Court		**Prec. B, C & D**		**B**	**C**	**D**	
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M. Petrolati			1367	1465	1391	4223
(Vote for One)	Blanks			478	604	555	1637
	Sundry Write-ins			7	4	6	17
	Total			1852	2073	1952	5877

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			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Clerk of Courts	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr		1245	1306	1416	1389	5356
Hampshire County	Blanks		576	539	655	561	2331
(Vot for One)	Sundry Write-ins		7	7	2	2	18
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Register of Deeds							
Hampshire District	Mary K. Olberding		1129	1150	1194	1256	4729
(Vote for One)	George R. Zimmerman		442	492	599	428	1961
	Blanks		256	210	279	267	1012
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	1	3
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Register of Probate							
Hampshire County	Michael J. Carey		1243	1295	1413	1358	5309
(Vote for one)	Blanks		582	552	659	593	2386
	Sundry Write-ins		3	5	1	1	10
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Francesco Dell'Olio		1231	1305	1417	1261	5214
Bechertown	Blanks		594	545	654	691	2484
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		3	2	2	0	7
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Blanks		1814	1841	2059	1941	7655
New Braintree	Sundry Write-ins		14	11	14	11	50
(Vote for One)	**Total**		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Jeffrey Nelson		1043	1143	1218	1078	4482
Oakham	Blanks		784	708	853	873	3218
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	2	1	5
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	David Droz		696	776	831	685	2988
Palmer	Joanne McDiarmid		399	442	456	407	1704
(Vote for One)	Blanks		732	633	786	859	3010
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	0	1	3
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
REGIONAL Vocational Technical							
School Committee	Thomas R. Rugani		1034	1110	1196	1038	4378
Warren	Blanks		793	741	876	913	3323
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	1	1	4
	Total		1828	1852	2073	1952	7705

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
BELCHERTOWN, MA

QUESTION 1							
Proposed Law would require motor vehicle							
manufacturers' to allow vehicle owners and		YES	1414	1408	1463	1533	5818
independent repair facilities in Massachusetts		NO	164	181	212	159	716
to have access to the same vehicle diagnostic		Blanks	250	263	398	260	1171
and repair information made avilable to the		**Total**	1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
manufacturers' Massachusetts dealers and							
authorized repair facilities.							
QUESTION 2							
Proposed Law would allow physician's licensed in		YES	953	920	914	1163	3950
Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at the		NO	830	883	1097	720	3530
request of a terminally-ill patient meeting certain		Blanks	45	49	62	69	225
conditions, to end that person's life.		**Total**	1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
QUESTION 3							
Proposed Law would eliminate state criminal and							
civil penalties related to the medical use of		YES	1206	1162	1209	1342	4919
marijuana, allowing patients meeting certain		NO	559	625	779	525	2488
conditions to obtain marijuana produced and		Blanks	63	65	85	85	298
distributed by new state-regulated centers or, in		**Total**	1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
specific hardship cases, to grow marijuana for							
their use.							
				PRECINCTS			
QUESTION 4			**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
The revision to the Hampshire Council of Governments							
Charter would modify administrative and procedural		YES	1103	1138	1153	1183	4577
provisions regarding membership in the Hampshire		NO	298	320	400	252	1270
council of Governments and the adoption of		Blanks	427	394	520	517	1858
organization plans for the Hampshire Council of		**Total**	1828	1852	2073	1952	7705
Governments departments and agencies. The							
proposed revisions would also modify the term of							
office and the number od councilors. Lastly, the							
proposed revisions would clarify the powers and							
duties of the councilors, the qualifications and							
responsibilities of the chief financial officer and							
correct typographical errors inconsistant in the							
Charter.							
	Registered Voters	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	655	630	678	795	2758
		Republican	319	365	431	263	1378
		Green-Rainbow	10	4	2	11	27
		Unenrolled	1327	1347	1488	1365	5527
		Others	2	17	11	12	42
		TOTALS	2313	2363	2610	2446	9732
	Voted on 11/6/2012	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	79.20%		1827	1852	2074	1952	7705
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 14, 2012 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY12
Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:00PM
Registered voters present – 128 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $148,000.00, and appropriate from Unrestricted General Government Aid from the State the sum of $104,000.00, for a total appropriation of $252,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(2/3/Required - Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer the sums of money to and from certain line items for the fiscal year 2012 budget as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Workers' Compensation	$300.00	Hydrant Services
Police Wage	$12,735.00	Police Expense
Landfill Wage	$10,000.00	Landfill Expense
Sewer Wage	$13,000.00	Sewer Expense
Maintenance Wage	$17,000.00	Selectmen's Expense
Unemployment	$14,050.00	Treasurer/Collector Expense
Library Salary	$3,870.00	Library Expense
Veterans' Benefits	$1,200.00	Veterans' Agent Expense
Veterans' Benefits	$6,000.00	Lakes Committee
Health Insurance-Town Share	$23,000.00	Fire Department Expense
EMS Salary	$65,370.00	EMS Wage
Police Wage	$8,000.00	Law Account

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to transfer from the Workers' Compensation Account the sum of $3,811.88 to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

➢ A. R. Sandri, Inc.	$369.84
➢ Palmer Paving Corp	$794.74
➢ Palmer Paving Corp.	$820.26
➢ CV Properties, Inc.	$ 60.00
➢ CV Properties, Inc.	$441.76
➢ CV Properties, Inc.	$441.76
➢ CV Properties, Inc.	$441.76
➢ CV Properties, Inc.	$441.76

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(9/10 Required – Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer from the DPW-Snow and Ice Control Account the sum of $85,000.00, and transfer from the Highway Wage Account the sum of $25,000.00 for a total appropriation of $110,000.00 to purchase a loader for the Department of Public Works. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer from the Town Share – Health Insurance Account the sum of $66,000.00 to purchase generators for Lawrence Memorial Hall and the Department of Public Works. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Majority Required - Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on 15 acres +/- of farmland located along the westerly side of Warren Wright Road, which land is owned by Edward Land, Jr., described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 2229, Page 87, and shown on Assessors Map 217 as Parcel 5.00, said restriction to be held in common with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which is contributing $130,500.00 toward the $145,000.00 purchase price, and, further, appropriate and transfer the sum of $14,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve for the Town's 10% contribution toward said acquisition, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept gifts, bequests, and grants from individuals, entities, and public or quasi-public organizations and others, enter into and execute any and all documents, and take such other action as necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing acquisition. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Majority Required - Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 7 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure on a parcel of land located on State Street, as shown on Assessors Map 251, Lot 124, and assessed to Stephen C. Rehbein, as authorized under MGL. Chapter 60, Section 77C.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM
Attest:
William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 14, 2012
FY12

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$252,000.00	$148,000.00 to Stabilization Fund	$104,000.00 from Unrestricted General Government Aid from the State to the Stabilization Fund.
2	174,525.00		$300.00 from Workers' Compensation to Hydrant Services; $12,735.00 from Police Wage to Police Expense; $10,000.00 from Landfill Wage to Landfill Expense; $13,000.00 from Sewer Wage to Sewer Expense; $17,000.00 from Maintenance Wage to Selectmen's Expense; $14,050.00 from Unemployment to Treasurer/Collector Expense; $3,870.00 from Library Salary to Library Expense; $1,200.00 from Veterans' Benefits to Veterans' Agent Expense; $6,000.00 from Veterans' Benefits to Lakes Committee; $23,000.00 from Health Insurance-Town Share to Fire Department Expense; $65,370.00 from EMS Salary to EMS Wage; $8,000.00 from Police Wage to Law Account
3	3,811.88		$3,811.88 from Workers' Compensation Account to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year; $369.84 A.R. Sandri, Inc., $794.74 Palmer Paving Corp., $820.26 Palmer Paving Corp., $60.00 CV Properties, Inc., $441.76 CV Properties, Inc., $441.76 CV Properties, Inc., $441.76 CV Properties, Inc., $441.76 CV Properties, Inc.
4	110,000.00		$85,000.00 from DPW-Snow & ice Control Account & $25,000.00 from Highway Wage Account to purchase a loader for the Department of Public Works
5	66,000.00		$66,000.00 from Town Share-Health Insurance Account to purchase generators for Lawrence Memorial Hall and Department of Public Works
6	14,500.00		$14,500.00 from Community Preservation Fund open Space Reserve for the Town's 10% contribution towards the purchase of farmland, Book 2229, Page 87 and shown Assessors Map217 as Parcel 5.00
7	None		
TOTAL	**$620,836.88**	**$148,000.00**	**$472,836.88**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 14, 2012 at the Belchertown, High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY13
Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:50PM
Registered voters present – 408 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Joseph Brozek on trumpet and Judith Houle on piano
Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Stephen S. Lanphear
Selectman George "Archie" Archible presented the Volunteer of the year Award to Norman S. Loftus
Selectman Ronald E. Aponte presented the Employee of the Year Award to Robert S. Opalenik

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and the following individuals as Trustees of the Calvin Bridgman Fund: Carol Wagner for two years and Kenneth Snow for three years.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 50-0-Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,645,849.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,650,849.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,907,664.00 and appropriate the sum of $430,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $3,337,664.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,992,980.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $175,000.00, for a total appropriation of $25,167,980.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,066,704.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,435,062.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $100,000.00, for a total appropriation of $1,535,062.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $274,000.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $25,937.00 for a total appropriation of $299,937.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote p- Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $125,775.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $92,467.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,358,000.00 for a total appropriation of $1,576,242.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $743,286.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $727,417.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $705,945.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes0

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,082,664.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $250,000.00, for a total appropriation of $3,332,664.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(2/3 Required – Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,673.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted raise and appropriate the sum of $3,566,062.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $28,000.00 for the purchase of a generator for Tadgell Building, and the sum of $76,000.00 for technology infrastructure improvements for the School Department, for a total free cash appropriation of $104,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	$50,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	$130,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In 91-2, Applicability; collective bargaining; equal opportunity:

- In the first sentence of paragraph A, **ADD** Library Director to follow behind the words Police Chief.

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

- **Remove** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart in its entirety and **Replace** with the following charts:

Effective July 1 through December 31, 2012

Director of Public Works	$63,544 - $76,251
Fire Chief	$63,544 - $76,251
Director of Computing	$60,460 - $76,251
Town Planner	$57,190 - $69,897
Conservation Administrator	$50,833 - $63,544
Town Treasurer-Collector	$50,833 - $63,544
Town Accountant	$50,833 - $63,544
Building Inspector	$50,833 - $63,544
Director of Assessments	$50,833 - $63,544
Senior Center Director	$44,482 - $57,190
Recreation Director	$44,482 - $57,190
Veterans' Agent	$31,702 - $42,877

Effective January 1 through June 30, 2013

Director of Public Works	$64,179 - $77,014
Fire Chief	$64,179 - $77,014
Director of Computing	$64,179 - $77,014
Town Planner	$57,762 - $70,596
Conservation Administrator	$51,341 - $64,179
Town Treasurer-Collector	$51,341 - $64,179
Town Accountant	$51,341 - $64,179
Building Inspector	$51,341 - $64,179
Director of Assessments	$51,341 - $64,179
Senior Center Director	$44,927 - $57,762
Recreation Director	$44,927 - $57,762
Veterans' Agent	$32,020 - $43,306

In Classified Nonexempt Employees

Change the grade:

- Senior Center Aide – from a Grade 2 to a Grade 3

Remove the following title and grade:

- Elder Nutrition Program Administrator: Grade 6

Add the following title and grade:

- Elder Nutrition Program Coordinator: Grade 7

In Part-Time Hourly Schedule Employees

Add the following title and range:

- DPW Laborer: $11.98 - $17.05/hour

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:
Remove compensation chart and **Replace** with the following charts:

Effective July 1 through December 31, 2012

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$9.16	$9.53	$9.91	$10.31	$10.73	$11.17	$11.58	$12.05	$12.55	$13.06
2	$11.00	$11.44	$11.92	$12.37	$12.86	$13.38	$13.92	$14.45	$15.09	$15.64
3	$12.10	$12.59	$13.09	$13.60	$14.15	$14.75	$15.32	$15.94	$16.56	$17.22
4	$13.28	$13.85	$14.38	$14.96	$15.56	$16.19	$16.86	$17.52	$18.22	$18.95
5	$14.65	$15.23	$15.83	$16.48	$17.14	$17.79	$18.54	$19.26	$20.03	$20.85
6	$16.11	$16.73	$17.43	$18.11	$18.82	$19.60	$20.38	$21.20	$22.50	$22.93
7	$17.72	$18.42	$19.17	$19.93	$20.73	$21.54	$22.41	$23.32	$24.25	$25.20
8	$18.60	$19.33	$20.12	$20.93	$21.76	$22.62	$23.54	$24.48	$25.46	$26.47
9	$19.52	$20.32	$21.11	$21.99	$22.83	$23.76	$24.70	$25.71	$26.73	$27.82
10	$20.49	$21.35	$22.18	$23.09	$23.99	$24.94	$25.93	$26.98	$28.04	$29.19

Effective January 1 through June 30, 2013

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$9.25	$9.63	$10.01	$10.41	$10.84	$11.28	$11.70	$12.17	$12.68	$13.19
2	$11.11	$11.55	$12.04	$12.49	$12.99	$13.51	$14.06	$14.59	$15.24	$15.80
3	$12.22	$12.72	$13.22	$13.74	$14.29	$14.90	$15.47	$16.10	$16.73	$17.39
4	$13.41	$13.99	$14.52	$15.11	$15.72	$16.35	$17.03	$17.70	$18.40	$19.14
5	$14.80	$15.38	$15.99	$16.64	$17.31	$17.97	$18.73	$19.45	$20.23	$21.06
6	$16.27	$16.90	$17.60	$18.29	$19.01	$19.80	$20.58	$21.41	$22.27	$23.16
7	$17.90	$18.60	$19.36	$20.13	$20.94	$21.76	$22.63	$23.55	$24.49	$25.45
8	$18.79	$19.52	$20.32	$21.14	$21.98	$22.85	$23.78	$24.72	$25.71	$26.73
9	$19.72	$20.52	$21.32	$22.21	$23.06	$24.00	$24.95	$25.97	$27.00	$28.10
10	$20.69	$21.56	$22.40	$23.32	$24.23	$25.19	$26.19	$27.25	$28.32	$29.48

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate $1.25 million to pay costs of designing, constructing, purchasing materials, supplies, and related costs of developing a roadway from a point known as STA. 8 + 50 on Business Technology Drive East to an approximate point to be determined or to be established as STA. 17 + 50 on Business Technology Drive East in assistance of the development of a project on EDIC owned land located at the former Belchertown State School, Parcel B, and identified on Assessors Map 243 as Parcel 178, said sum to be expended as negotiated and agreed in an endorsed development agreement under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount in accordance with G.L. c. 121C, § 11, G.L. c. 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and further, to the extent that any State, Federal or other funds are or become available for the purposes set forth above, the Board of Selectmen is authorized to apply for, accept and expend such funds and to enter into any agreement with the EDIC or with the Federal government or the Commonwealth in aid of such project, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain any fee interest to or easements in said road or necessary to construct said road and any drainage, access, utility and other easements related thereto which easements are shown on a sketch plan entitled "Weston Solutions, Inc., Potential DIF Pad 1 On-Site Improvements, Former

Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Massachusetts, dated May 2, 2012," on file with the Town Clerk. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

Selectman Ronald Aponte explained how the $1.25 million would be returned to the town through Real Estate taxes and new employment.
(2/3 Required – Vote - Yes by 2/3 Vote)

Article 13 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease contract of up to six years for radio equipment for the Town's Public Safety Departments. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease contract of up to five years for an ambulance lease. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease contract of six years for a pick up truck for the Fire Department. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 32B, Section 20, in order to allow the establishment of an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund for the accumulation of funds to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown §15-4 Licensing Procedure by deleting paragraph E and replacing it with the following language:

No license fees shall be required for service dogs or service dogs in training or foster dogs as defined in §15-2 for a not-for-profit organization. No license fee shall also be required for dogs under the care of a not-for-profit rescue organization located within the Town of Belchertown as long as such organization is registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a not-for-profit rescue organization. Application shall be made with proof of foster contract from registered not-for-profit, or proof of not-for-profit status, however, to the Town Clerk who shall issue the license, which the owner shall cause to be worn by the dog,
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 18 Vote to accept as a public way Oak Ridge Drive, beginning on the northeasterly side line of Mountain View Drive and the southwesterly corner of Lot 47, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveying and Engineering, dated December 16, 2011, recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 226 Page 79, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, public way easements in the subject way and all drainage, utility, and other related easements. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to accept as a public way the altered layout of Shea Avenue, as heretofore altered by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a "Layout Alteration Plan," prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, Land Surveying and Engineering, dated March 19, 2012, recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 226, Page 10, and on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, public way easements in the subject way and all drainage, utility, and other related easements.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 20 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, for the purpose of repairing, improving and/or reconstructing Route 181 and sidewalks, drainage or other improvements related thereto, permanent and temporary easements in, on, and under all or portions of the parcels of land shown on plans entitled "Transportation Improvement Project, Route 181, in the Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, 100% Right of Way Resubmission" drafted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., dated April 20, 2012, which plans are on file with the Town Clerk's Office, and land located within 25 feet of said parcels as may be shown on said plan as hereinafter revised.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 **CITIZEN PETITION:**

Voted not to strike the third sentence with respect to the powers and duties of the Recreation Commission, as approved pursuant to Article 30 of the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2004, which reads as follows: "The Commission shall submit an annual evaluation of the Director to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen" and to substitute this sentence with the following sentence: "The Commission shall be in charge of the Recreation Department and shall employ a recreation director whose duties shall be as prescribed by the Commission and whose employment shall be subject to annual review by the Commission." This act shall take effect upon the passage. (Endorsed by Recreation Commission 7-0-0 Yes)

After much discussion a motion was made to end debate – Motion Failed

After more discussion, a second Motion was made to end debate – Motion Passed – Unanimous Yes

A voice vote was taken on the article and declared by the Moderator as not passing.

A motion was made for a hand count. Vote for the hand count was Majority Yes

(Hand Count Vote – Yes 72; No 330 – Did not pass)

Article 22 Voted to declare that:

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Elder Nutrition Meals program has successfully operated for over 30 years.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Elder Nutrition Meals program has never experienced any issues with food safety.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Elder Nutrition Meals program is inspected on a regular basis by the local Board of Health and a WestMass ElderCare Nutritionist.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Elder Nutrition Meals program workers are properly trained in food safety methods.

Whereas the Belchertown Senior Center has served over 12,000 frozen weekend meals which they have prepared onsite over the past 6 years without incident.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Frozen Weekend Meals program has proven to be more cost effective than the new Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs mandated Weekend Meals program.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Frozen Weekend Meals program has proven to be more efficient and experienced less food waste than the new Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs mandated Weekend Meals program.

Whereas the Belchertown Senior Center is able to provide frozen meals to accommodate special dietary needs of seniors that the state mandated frozen meals provider is unable to provide.

Whereas some Belchertown seniors are now going without weekend meals because the state program cannot meet their special dietary needs.

Whereas the original Belchertown Senior Center Weekend Meals program has proven to be far more popular with Belchertown's senior population than the new Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs mandated Weekend Meals program.

The citizens of Belchertown respectfully request that the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs grant a Weekend Meals program waiver to the Belchertown Senior Center and allow them to resume their original Weekend Meals program.
(Non Binding Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 **CITIZEN PETITION**: Voted to Take No Action to transfer daily operations of Clapp Memorial Library to the Swift River School Library and/or the Belchertown High School Library during the months of July and August to take advantage of the air conditioning in those buildings and also to provide summer internships for graduate students being trained in library science by the Simmons College program at nearby Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley.
(Vote – Unanimous – Take No Action)

Article 24 **CITIZEN PETITION:** To see if the Town will vote to put for the following amendment to the No Parking Areas of the Town By Laws: Starting at State Street and going for a distance of 100 yard, limit parking to one side of Stadler Street.

There was discussion to clarify, location, which side of the street, etc. As a result of discussions that had taken place between Steve Williams, DPW Director, and the petitioner, Mr. Williams amended the motion to more accurately state the requested change.

Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 129-3, No-Parking Areas, by adding: Starting at State Street and going for a distance of 100 yards, limit parking to the west side of Stadler Street, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to Take No Action amending the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Ware Road from its current zone of B2, General Business, to B1, Limited Business; such land identified as follows: 30 Ware Road, assessors' parcel Map 237 Lot 86 to change from B2 to B1 entirely. (Endorsed by planning Board 2-1-0)

(Vote – Unanimous – Take No Action)

Article 26 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding the proposed new §145-28 regarding commercial solar photovoltaic systems and §145-11 Schedule of Use Regulations as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board (and as printed below):

§145-28. Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations

A. **Purpose** This bylaw is to encourage the use of solar energy systems and protect solar access consistent with MGL 40A §9B and with the Green Communities Act in MGL 25A §10, to increase our local renewable energy production, to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels to produce electricity, and to improve local air quality.

This promotion of commercial solar photovoltaic installations is to be accomplished pursuant to the standards set forth herein for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, scenic, natural and historic resources and provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

B. **Applicability** This bylaw applies to large-scale (minimum 250 kW rated nameplate capacity) solar photovoltaic installations proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. The requirements of this bylaw shall apply to a commercial solar photovoltaic installation regardless of whether it is the primary use of property or an accessory use.

(1) As-of-Right: A commercial solar photovoltaic installation, as defined herein, is allowed as of right in all zoning districts except as set forth below.

(2) Special Permit: Under the following conditions, a commercial solar photovoltaic installation may be permitted by special permit from the planning board:
(a). Any such installation proposed in the VR, MDR, MHP and LR zones.

(b). Any such installation requiring land clearing of two acres or more.

(c). Any such installation with generation of 3 mW or more.

(d). A commercial solar photovoltaic installation proposed for sites without street frontage. Sites with no frontage must demonstrate deeded rights-of-way to the site and utility access for the duration of the site's use for solar energy production. Lack of legal and physical access via a legal right-of-way or easement shall be cause for denial of a special permit.

For all special permit applications, site plan approval as described below is required, but shall not require a second public hearing, per §145-27D(3)(a).

C. **Definitions**
Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installation (CSPI): Any solar photovoltaic installation with 250 kW or greater rated nameplate capacity, even if its primary generation is not intended for supplying the grid.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the commercial solar photovoltaic installation in Direct Current (DC).

Site Plan Approval Authority: The site plan approval authority as designated by the Zoning Bylaw.

Solar Photovoltaic Array: an arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

D. **Requirements**

(1) **Site Plan Approval**. The construction, installation or modification of a CSPI, whether as-of-right or by special permit, shall be subject to site plan approval in accordance with the zoning bylaws. Together with the requirements of §145-27, the Site Plan Approval Authority shall consider and apply the requirements set forth in this bylaw in reviewing and deciding an application for site plan approval.

(a) General. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

(b) Required Documents. The project proponent shall provide the following documents:

[1] A site plan showing:

- i. Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;
- ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures;
- iii. Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;
- iv. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
- v. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;
- vi. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
- vii. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;
- viii. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent; and

[2] Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site (item (2) below);

[3] An operation and maintenance plan (item (3) below);

[4] Proof of liability insurance; and

[5] Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 9(b)

The Site Plan Approval Authority may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate.

(2) **Site Control** The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or committed prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed CSPI.

(3) **Operation & Maintenance Plan** The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the CSPI. This plan shall include measures to maintain safe access to the installation, storm water controls, and general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation. The development is subject to the Belchertown Storm Water bylaw and regulations.

(4) **Utility Notification** No CSPI shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Site Plan Approval Authority that the utility company operating the electrical grid the installation is to be connected to has been informed of the CSPI owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(5) **Dimension and Density Requirements**

(a) **Setbacks** For all CSPI, front, side and rear yard setbacks shall be as follows:

[1] The front yard depth shall be at least 75 feet;

[2] The side yard depth shall be at least 75 feet;

[3] The rear yard depth shall be at least 75 feet;

(b) **Appurtenant Structures** All appurtenant structures to a CSPI shall be subject to the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation.

(6) **Design Standards**

(a) **Lighting** Lighting of CSPI shall be limited to night-time maintenance and inspections by authorized personnel, and shall comply with Dark Sky standards.

(b) **Signage** A sign shall be erected identifying the owner and providing a 24-hour emergency contact phone number. CSPI's shall not display any advertising. Any sign must comply with §145-22.

(c) **Utility Connections** Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from the CSPI underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

(7) **Safety and Environmental Standards**

(a) **Emergency Services** The CSPI owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and an approved site plan, to the local fire department and the building inspector. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan, which may include ensuring that emergency personnel have immediate, 24-hour access to the facility. All means of shutting down the CSPI shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation, and shall provide a mailing address and 24-hour telephone number for such person(s).

(b) **Land Clearing, Soil Erosion, and Wildlife Habitat** Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the CSPI or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. For any CSPI requiring land clearing of two acres or more, a special permit is required (see B(2)(b)).

(8) **Monitoring and Maintenance**

(a) **Maintenance** The CSPI owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local emergency services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and all access roads that are not public ways.

(b) **Modifications** All material modifications to a CSPI made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Site Plan Approval Authority.

(9) Discontinuance and Removal

(a) **Removal Requirements** Any CSPI, or any substantial part thereof, not used for a period of one continuous year or more without written permission from the Site Plan Approval Authority, or that has reached the end of its useful life, shall be considered discontinued and shall be removed. Upon written request from the Building Inspector addressed to the contact address provided and maintained by the owner or operator as required above, the owner or operator shall provide evidence to the Building Inspector demonstrating continued use of the CSPI. Failure to provide such evidence within thirty days of such written request shall be conclusive evidence that the installation has been discontinued. Anyone intending to decommission and/or remove such an installation shall notify the Site Plan Approval Authority and Building Inspector by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal

The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. Removal shall consist of:

[1] Physical removal of all parts of and appurtenances to the CSPI, including structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines;

[2] Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations;

[3] Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Site Plan Approval Authority may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

If the owner or operator of the CSPI fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section, the Town shall have the right, to the extent it is otherwise duly authorized by law, to enter the property and physically remove the installation at the expense of the owner of the installation and the owner(s) of the site on which the facility is located. The Town may use the financial surety as stipulated in section (b), below for this purpose.

(b) **Financial Surety** Proponents seeking to construct and operate a CSPI shall provide to the Town, prior to construction, a form of surety, either through an escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the CSPI and remediate the landscape. The amount and form of such surety shall be determined by the Site Plan Approval Authority. This surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

Insert into Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, Business Uses, the following line:

Zone District	**VR**	**AG-B**	**LR**	**MDR**	**AG-A**	**B-2**	**B-1**	**I**	**MHP**	**LI**
46. Commercial solar photovoltaic installation	*SP/P*	*PA*	*SP/P*	*SP/P*	*PA*	*PA*	*PA*	*PA*	*SP/P*	*PA*

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0Yes)

A motion was made by Melissa Desauteus to amend this article by adding:

Under the section labeled D Requirements, (1) Site Plan Approval, add subsection (a) General;

- No CSPI may be proposed where it may be visible from any local, State, or Federally designated historic district or scenic byway.
- CSPI are prohibited on hilltops and ridgelines, as well as any hillsides where they will be visible from any public ways or neighboring properties, or could be considered to alter the scenic beauty of the hillside.
- All CSPI shall be designed and located with regard to visual aesthetics and impacts on neighborhood property values.

After much discussion a vote was taken on the motion to amend this article.

(Vote – Majority No - to amend this article)

Vote was taken on the original article.

(2/3 required – Vote – 2/3 Yes)

Article 27 Voted to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of land described below from the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission for conservation purposes to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey said parcel of land, to Roland A. Leclerc of 91 Rockrimmon Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts, for consideration of $1.00, said parcel being included by error in the deed by which ~~Ronald~~ Roland A. Leclerc conveyed the property known as the Holland Glen Forest to the Town of Belchertown, dated June 16, 2011, which parcel of land is described as follows:

A certain parcel of land on Route 9 Amherst Road in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, which parcel is known and designated as Parcel A as shown on a plan recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 225, Page 82, which plan is incorporated by reference herein and to which plan reference may be had for further description.

Said Parcel A contains 25,479 square feet of land according to said plan, and is a portion of Parcel Three in the deed from Roland A. Leclerc to the Town of Belchertown dated June 16, 2011 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 10587, Page 250.

And, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek legislative approval for such transfer and conveyance under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, such transfer to become effective upon the enactment of said Article 97 legislation.
(2/3 Required – Vote - 2/3 Yes)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $5,000.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2013; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $24,182.00 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- $24,182.00 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- $24,182.00 from FY 2013 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

And further to appropriate and transfer $53,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 29 Voted to appropriate and borrow $140,000 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, Chapter 44B, Section 11 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes, for the purpose of painting, and/or restoring the exterior and the wooden windows of the Old Town Hall building, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation 6-0-0 Yes and Finance committee 4-1-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 Yes)

Article 30 Voted to appropriate and transfer $61,425 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the preservation and/or restoration of the Old Congregational Church Tower Clock, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 31 Voted to appropriate and transfer $4,800 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the Grave Stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Lake Vale Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 32 Voted to appropriate and transfer $182,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the preservation, painting, and/or restoration of the exterior and the wooden windows of the historic Belchertown United Church of Christ building pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown United Church of Christ; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall require a historic preservation restriction on the property be granted to the Town and set forth the other terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 33 Voted to appropriate and borrow $500,000 pursuant to Chapter 44B, Section 11 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes, for the purpose of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by gift, eminent domain, negotiated purchase or otherwise, certain property known as the Jackson Farm, which consists of 88.3 acres, more or less, together with all flowage and other rights and easements appurtenant thereto, which property is shown on the following Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps/Parcel IDs:

# 201-002.01 and as described as a portion of land in deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9661-123.

#201-018 and as described as a portion of land in deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9661-123.

#201-019 and as described as a portion of land in deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/Page 9661-123.

#201-020 and as described as a portion of land in deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book/page 9661-123.

And for costs related thereto, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said land, with said land to be under the custody of and managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to file and accept on behalf of the Town of Belchertown any and all applications under the LAND Program (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other applications for funds, gifts, grants, under any state and/or federal program, in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition , and to enter into and execute any and all agreements and instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition, and, further authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission to convey a conservation restriction on said land meeting the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as required by Chapter 44B, Section 12(a) of the General Laws. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 6-0-0 Yes and the Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes)

(2/3/ Required – 2/3 Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 10:05PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 14, 2012
FY13

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	**$100.00**	100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**5,000.00**					$5,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.
8	None						
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	**1,650,849.00**					
	1. Moderator, Salary		0				
	Expenses		0				
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00				
	Wages		0				
	Expenses		4,516.00				
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		94,618.00				
	Wages		101,020.00				
	Expenses		8,362.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		63,859.00				
	Wages		98,365.00				
	Expenses		30,575.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		49,932.00				
	Wages		53,580.00				
	Expenses		12,820.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		63,859.00				
	Wages		152,450.00				
	Expenses		50,050.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM BORROW-ING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)							
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		72,214.00				
	Wages		60,360.00				
	Expenses		143,489.00				
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		63,859.00				
	Wages		195,320.00				
	Expenses		18,700.00				
	8. Field Review Update		0				
	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee,						
	Wages		0				
	Expenses		250.00				
	11. Election & Registration,						
	Salary		450.00				
	Wages		17,280.00				
	Expenses		19,875.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		65,846.00				
	Wages		27,660.00				
	Expenses		3,225.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00				
	Expenses		695.00				
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00				
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00				
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		53,770.00				$5,000.00 from Wetlands Hearing Fees Account
	Wages		5,000.00				
	Expenses		2,350.00				
	18A. Lake Committee Exp		0				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)							
	PUBLIC SAFETY	**3,337,664.00**					
	19. Police Department, Salary		85,039.00				
	Wages		1,071,193.00				$430,000.00 from Ambulance receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		361,025.00				
	20. Emergency Medical Svcs. Wages & Expenses		0				
	21. Fire Department, Salary		76,630.00				
	Full Time Wages		0				
	Wages		813,620.00				
	Expenses		284,240.00				
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		25,156.00				
	24. Dog Officer Salary		22,021.00				
	Asst. Dog Officer Salary		3,600.00				
	Wages		10,879.00				
	Expenses		9,575.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		62,964.00				
	Wages		57,202.00				
	Expenses		15,000.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00				
	Expenses		1,170.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
	27. Town School Department	**25,167,980.00**					
	Foundation Spending		23,465,430.00	175,000.00			
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,527,550.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	**1,066,704.00**					
	Net Budget		1,066,704.00				
	DPW – Highways	**1,535,062.00**					

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)							
	29, Highways/Personnel Salary		85,422.00				
	Wages		500,420.00	100,000.00			
	Uniforms		13,250.00				
	Expenses		750.00				
	30.Highway Admin., Expenses		14,350.00				
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		242,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		172,750.00				
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		138,000.00				
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		34,500				
	35. Construction Materials, Expenses		151,740.00				
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		52,000.00				
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		29,880.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	**299,937.00**					
	Wages						$72,430.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses						$201,570.00 form Landfill Receipts, $25,937.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Hazardous Waste Day		0				
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,576,242.00**					
	Wages		125,775.00				$88,885.00 Sewer Enterprise free cash
	Expenses						$3,582.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash,$490,338 from Sewer Rcts
	39. Maturing Debt						$623,100.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest						$244,562.00 from Sewer receipts

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)							
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**743,286.00**					
	40. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00				
	Wages		5,000.00				
	Expenses		9,607.00				
	41. Council on Aging, Salary		57,474.00				
	Wages		346,140.00				
	Expenses		37,080.00				
	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		43,090.00				
	Expenses		1,940.00				
	Veterans Benefits		211,000.00				
	43. Veterans Graves - Expenses		1,180.00				
	44. DPW – Cemetery Department – Wages		0				
	Expenses		27,850.00				
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Contro Board, Expenses		100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	**727,417.00**					
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		62,931.00				
	Wages		228,780.00				
	Expenses		100,189.00				
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary		57,474.00				
	Wages		185,390.00				
	Expenses		9,732.00				
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		36,623.00				
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach Expenses		3,638.00				
	50. Teen Center, Wages		33,390.00				
	Expenses		2,970.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM BORROW-ING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)							
	51. Family Center, Expenses		6,300.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**705,945.00**					
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages Expenses		332,480.00 82,200.00				
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		46,740.00				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		3,750.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		7,750.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		11,950.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		52,150.00				
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		22,900.00				
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		51,500.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		13,650.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		19,800.00				
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		3,000.00				
	64. DPW-Fire Station - Expenses		34,715.00				
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,590.00				
	66. DPW-Tagell/MEME Space, Expenses		21,170.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	**PENSIONS AND INSURANCE**	**3,332,664.00**					
	67. General insurance, Expense		292,700.00				
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		32,000.00				
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		8,000.00				
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		750,000.00		250,000.00		
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		87,000.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses		1,908,564.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	**59,673.00**					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		3,350.00				
	78. 250th Anniversary Committee Expenses		0				
	79. Unclassified Accts., Expenses		55,175.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	**3,566,062.00**					
	79. Interest, Expenses		(891,062.00)				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,675,000.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	**7,500.00**					

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM BORROW-ING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (con't)	81.Council of Governments, Assessment		7,500.00				
	$28,000 purchase generator for Tadgell Building / $76,000 for technology infrastructure improvements for School Dept.	**104,000.00**		104,000.00			
10-11	None						
12	Designing, constructing, purchasing and all related costs to develop roadway from a point known as STA.8 + 50 on Business Technology Drive East to approx. point to be determined or established as STA. 17 + 50 on Business Technology Dr. East	**1,250.000.00**				1,250,000.00	
13 - 27	None						
28	Community Preservation Admin Expense	**5,000.00**					5,000.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	**24,182.00**					24,182.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
28 (cont'd)	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	**24, 182.00**					24,182.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	**24, 182.00**					24, 182.00 from FY13 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	To pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 26 of the May 10, 2010 Annual Town Meeting.	**53,000.00**					53,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
29	To paint, and/or restore the exterior & wooden windows of the Old Town Hall	**140,000.00**				140,000.00	

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIA-TION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZA-TION	FROM BORROW-ING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
30	For the preservation and/or restoration of the Old Congregational Church Clock	**61,425.00**					61,425.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
31	For the Grave Stone preservation & restoration project at historic Lake Vale Cemetery	**4,800.00**					4,800.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
32	For the preservation, painting and/or restoration of the exterior and the wooden windows of the historic United Church of Christ building	**182,000.00**					182,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
33	To acquire property known as Jackson farm, 88.3 acres, more or less	**500,000.00**				500,000.00	
TOTAL		**46,184,856.00**	**41,096,681.00**	**379,000.00**	**250,000.00**	**1,890,000.00**	**2,569,175.00**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 26, 2012 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium
FY13
Moderator – Frances J. South
Meeting called to order 7:14PM
Registered voters present – 129 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
The meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Article 1 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $350,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the following named ways within the Town of Belchertown as public ways, heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, which ways are identified and shown as Mountain View Drive, Laurel Ridge Drive (aka North Circle) and Overlook Drive (aka Sunset Drive) on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Turkey Hill Estates, Belchertown, MA prepared for George B. Jackson" dated April 27, 1987, revised through August 20, 1987, prepared by Almer Huntley, Jr. & Associates, Inc. and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 150, Pages 6-11, and on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan", dated September 7, 2012, prepared by Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 228, Page 2, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain easements in the subject ways and all drainage, access, and/or utility easements related thereto.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of *$22,000.00* to rehabilitate sidewalks at Lawrence Memorial Hall.(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes - 1 voted against motion)

Article 4 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Town Administrator to enter into a lease/purchase agreement of up to five years for pickup trucks for the Department of Public Works.
(The Finance Committee originally voted not to support this motion but reversed its position upon receipt of new information.)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer the sum of $19,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash in the treasury to the Sewer Department Expense Account to raze a building at the WWTP. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $37,000.00 for asbestos abatement and the demolition of the building located at 10 Everett Avenue to provide for additional parking. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,000.00 for asbestos abatement and interior demolition at the Butler Building located on the grounds of Foley Field. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for public way purposes, including for the purpose of repairing, improving and/or reconstructing Route 181 and sidewalks, drainage or related improvements, permanent and temporary easements in, on, and under all or portions of the parcels of land shown on plans entitled "Transportation Improvement Project, Route 181, in the Town of Belchertown, Hampshire County, 100% Right of Way Resubmission" drafted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. dated April 20, 2012, Revised: November 9, 2012, which plans are on file with the Town Clerk's Office, and land located within 100 feet of said parcels, as may be shown on said plan as hereinafter revised.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $21,425.00 to pay interest due a taxpayer on an abatement for personal property tax. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $12,962.00 to the Fire/EMS Expense Account to provide electronic/communications equipment for an ambulance mandated modification. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to *Take no Action* on this article. (To see if the Town will vote to approve an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to M.G.L. c. 59, s. 38H (b), or any other enabling authority, for a certain sum and term of years for real property and personal property taxes relating to a renewable energy facility to be installed on land located at Ware Road, and shown on Assessors Map 244, Parcel 156.281)

(No action was taken because not enough information was available by Town Meeting time)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes – Take no Action)

Article 12 Voted to *Take no Action* on this article. (To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to the Storm Alfred Account to cover the budget deficit in anticipation of the receipt of reimbursement from FEMA)
($340,000.00 had been received from FEMA by Town Meeting time, making this motion unnecessary) (Vote – Unanimous Yes – Take no Action)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $182,702.10 to the Storm Alfred Account to cover the budget deficit. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,274.40 to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

• Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Hospital	$808.98
• Countryside Animal Hospital	$155.13
• Countryside Animal Hospital	$41.65
• Sentry Uniform	$90.60
• NAPA Auto Parts	$3.98
• NAPA Auto Parts	$103.39
• NAPA Auto Parts	$462.47
• Palmer Paving Corp.	$1,608.20

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 9/10 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $67,000.00 to the town School Department. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-1-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 16 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $4,600.00 for voting booths. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $740.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library General Fund #10610 to meet the Municipal Appropriation Requirements as required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to qualify for library certification and the receipt of annual state aid grants. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-2-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate and transfer the sum of $43,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the acquisition of an Agricultural Preservation

Restriction, to be held in common with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on 80 acres of farmland located along Bardwell Street, shown on Assessors Map 273 as Parcels #46.00 and #49.00, and described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 5146, Page 015, and owned by Deborah L. Wenzel, which appropriation constitutes the Town's 10% share of the total purchase price of $405,000.00, with the balance of $364,500.00 to be paid by the Commonwealth, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept gifts, bequests, and grants for such purposes, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said Agricultural Preservation Restriction by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain on such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 26, 2012
FY13

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$350,000.00		$350,000.00 to Stabilization Fund	
2	None			
3	22,000.00		$22,000.00 Rehabilitate sidewalks at LMH	
4	None			
5	19,000.00			$19,000.00 from Sewer Enterprise Free Cash to the Sewer Department Expense Account (raze a WWTP building)
6	37,000.00		37,000.00 Asbestos abatement & demolition of bldg. at 10 Everett Ave.	
7	12,000.00		12,000.00 Asbestos abatement & interior demolition at Butler Bldg.	
8	None			
9	21,425.00		21,425.00 To pay interest due a taxpayer (personal property abatement)	
10	12,962.00		12,962.00 To Fire/EMS Expense Acct	
11	None			
12	None			
13	182,702.10			$182,702.10 from Stabilization Fund to Storm Alfred Acct
14	3,274.40		3,274.40 To pay previous year bills	
15	67,000.00	$67,000.00 To Town School Dept		
16	4,600.00		4,600.00 For Voting Booths	
17	740.00		740.00 To Clapp Library General Fund #10610	
18	43,500.00			$43,500.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance for the acquisition of Agricultural Preservation Restriction for 80 acres on Bardwell St.
TOTAL	**$776,203.50**	**$67,000.00**	**$464,001.40**	**$245,202.10**

Attest:
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Town Clerk